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SENIOR CENTER

Seniors want center to stay where it is

Frustration that plans hinge on youth center

By Ben Hellman

The seniors want to stay put. That was the overwhelming reaction from more than 50 senior residents at a public hearing on Tuesday regarding the future location of the Andover Senior Center.

The public meeting was held to gauge community reaction to plans to renovate and expand the current senior center, or build a new center in west Andover on the same plot where the West Fire Station stands and where the future youth center will be built.

Architects Mike Pagano and Eric Moore from Lamoureux Pagano Associates went over pros and cons of the existing site and the west Andover site.

Moore cited good location, good public access and a "vocal preference" among the senior community regarding staying put.

Moore said that one drawback to the current location is that even if the entire building were available there might not be enough space to house a proposed hall with a stage. School administration and town human resources are currently located on the second and third floors of the building.

The School Committee voted unanimously to allow the architects to study the top floors for possible construction, but no member has brought up the possibility of moving from the building.

The pros to a new center would be a new building designed specifically with the seniors' needs in mind.

But Moore admitted that the west Andover plot was "a fairly crowded site" with the youth center imprint and existing fire station.

Some seniors expressed frustration that the current location's expansion seemed dependent on the town's youth. There was applause for Vicki Coderre when she said, "I think it's our turn now." Coderre identified herself as an Andover taxpayer of 40 years and said she had supported the youth of the town.

Robert Cratty was one of two seniors who preferred a new a new center in west Andover. "Have you ever tried to fix up an old place? It's lousy," he said.

Cratty also expressed concern for children's safety because an expanded center could bring a higher volume of traffic through the school zone.

The architects will make another presentation to the town in early December with an opinion on the current location's feasibility. Selectmen will make a decision in early January and the designs will be voted on at Town Meeting in March next year.

A Flurry of Activity

Andover High blasts into second quarter with a bang



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

The first term at Andover High School ended last Tuesday, Nov. 12, and students tore into their second term with a vengeance.

► TOP PHOTO: The Lady Warriors swam to their fourth straight MIAA State Championship Meet team title on Saturday with four AHS senior captains completing the 'four-peat': Monika Eghballan and Jen Borden in front, Connie Brown and Holly Hinds in back, holding state trophies for the

years 1999 through 2002. (Story, more photos: Page 20.)

► LEFT CENTER PHOTO: Senior Jeff Smidt (left) and Dale Spollett square off in the classic confrontation between Javert and Valjean in the Andover High School musical *Les Miserables*. Performances begin tonight at the Collins Center. (Story, more photos: Page 13.)

► RIGHT CENTER PHOTO: On their way to salvaging their season with a third win in four games, Dennis Collins

(No. 16) and Matt Wolfman (No. 58) exchange high-fives. The Golden Warriors will host Central Catholic at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. (Story, more photos: Page 21.)

► BOTTOM PHOTO: As a vice president, Gabriela Grosser takes part in the candle-lighting ceremony at the Collins Center last Thursday, before 41 AHS students were inducted into the AHS chapter of the National Honor Society. (Story, more photos: Page 18.)

SELECTMEN

Tax factor could go up

Seeking relief, residents want more of the burden put on local businesses

By Rebecca Piro

Skyrocketing property values will force selectmen to consider raising the tax factor for the first time in four years.

The tax factor is the number by which the town calculates the residential and commercial tax rates. Since 2000, selectmen have kept a tax factor of 1.26.

The higher the tax factor, the lower the tax burden on homeowners, and the higher the burden on commercial- and industrial-property owners.

This year the town reassessed all properties for the first time since 1999. It found that the average residential property jumped 34 percent in value, and

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EXILE ON MAIN STREET

No changes until 2007?

Andover is no closer to the top of the list to get promised state money

By Rebecca Piro

Despite plans that call for a \$3.1-million improvement to Main Street next spring, residents might not see changes until 2007.

The state won't hand over the \$2.5 million it promised until those plans are 100-percent complete, says Darren Johnson, a spokesman for the state highway department.

And even then, state budget woes are holding up the line of projects throughout the Commonwealth that are still waiting for their share of promised funding — which means Andover hasn't gotten any closer to the top of the list.

"The other (projects) are still ahead of us in the queue," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Members of the Main Street Committee have been working since 2001 to develop plans that are intended to improve the traffic, safety and aesthetics of downtown Andover. The committee has secured a total of \$573,500 from Town Meeting to supplement the state's \$2.5-million gift. Committee members had hoped to begin construction in the spring.

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COMMUTER NIGHTMARE

After wild ride, troopers arrest bus driver

By Rebecca Piro

A Trombly bus driver could walk away with a suspended license and a fine to pay if he's proven guilty of taking three passengers on a drunken ride, say state police.

Sgt. Dean Bennett says Lawrence Fisher, 53, of Haverhill, endangered two Andover women and a North Andover man when he drove a commuter bus from Boston to Andover Monday night while under the influence of alcohol.

The sergeant received a distress call from one of the passengers around 5 p.m., who reported that the 45-seat coach was swerving down Interstate 93 North with three passengers rattling around inside.

"We clipped a sign. I was petrified. We almost hit a moving van at one point," says Cathy Daly, a Main Street resident.

Bennett caught up to the bus in Wilmington.

"He was in the breakdown lane and on

the grass," he says, adding that the driver did not immediately stop for the blue lights. "I think he was so drunk he didn't know we were there."

No one was injured when the bus finally pulled over in Andover on Route 125. The troopers boarded the bus and could smell alcohol, though no bottles were in sight.

"It took three of us to handcuff him, because it took two of us to hold him up,"

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Coming
this week in the
Sunday
Eagle-Tribune

■ In Sports. Patriot Tom Brady personifies the new breed of quarterback that has moved to the front of the NFL signal-calling ranks. Sunday he faces another big test when the Minnesota Vikings come to Foxboro.

■ In Lifestyle. The Honeymooners or The Sopranos? I Love Lucy, All in the Family or Cheers? The authors of two new books on 50 years of television rank the greatest shows, moments, characters and commercials of the small screen.

■ In News. Choosing a nursing home for your loved ones is about more than location and cost. Learn what the best homes are in the area and how to select the safest place where your senior could live.



Register in Methuen for 15th Feaster Five race here

DATE: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002 (15th Annual)
DISTANCES: Kid's K, 5-mile and 5-kilometer races and walks. (Note: Walkers are encouraged to participate)
LOCATION: Brickstone Square, Andover.
TIMES:
 Kid's K: 8 a.m.
 5-K run and walk: 8:30 a.m.
 5-mile run and walk: 8:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION: Registration and number pick up will be held at the Guesthouse International Inn & Suites, Pelham Street, Methuen. Take the Pelham Street exit, No. 47, off Interstate 93. Registration times as follows: Mon., Nov. 25 and Tues., Nov. 26 from noon to 7 p.m.; Wed., Nov. 27, noon to 6 p.m.; Thurs., Nov. 28 (race day), 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at Woodworth Motors, on corner of Route 28 and Route 133.

ENTRY FEE: \$22 non-refundable (\$25 after Nov. 24); make checks payable to: "DMSE/Feaster." Mail application and check to: Feaster Five, DMSE, Inc., P.O. Box 80067, Stoneham, MA 02180. Kid's K is \$5. (Note: Race day entries are accepted.)
APPLE PIES: All finishers receive a homemade, old fashioned apple pie just in time for Thanksgiving dinner.
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS: Given to the first 6,000 entrants who register.
REFRESHMENTS: Fruit, bagels and other traditional holiday treats will be served.
PLEDGE PROGRAM: Once again, the Feaster Five Road Race pledge program will benefit two of the Merrimack Valley's not-for-profit agencies, Home Health VNA and Lazarus House. Each of these organizations has

most likely touched someone in town — a friend, a neighbor or loved one — and play an important role in the health and well-being of the area. Organizers ask all entries to offer friends and relatives a chance to pledge money to either charity. All of the money pledged goes directly to Lazarus House and Home Health VNA.
ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:
 • Race will finish in front of the nation's largest Christmas tree.
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 • Free and convenient parking
 • Full results posted on the Internet
 • Race results booklet to be mailed to all entrants
 • Please bring non-perishable food to be donated to the Lazarus House.

By Rebecca Piro

THE 7,000-PLUS who will run the Feaster Five on Thanksgiving day have spent weeks preparing for the challenge. But this year, getting to the finish line may be the easy part.

Organizers for this year's Feaster Five ran up against brick walls in more ways than one, says Katie Breen, race co-director.

Despite the fact that this year's event marks the 15th annual Feaster, there were plenty of kinks that still popped up. First of all, the Feaster lost two of its biggest sponsors — Smith & Nephew and Lodestar. While the cost of the race itself is covered by the entry fees, the



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

And they're off — The starting line is always crowded, and last year's Feaster Five was no exception.

Feaster traditionally raises money for charities including Lazarus House in Lawrence and the Home Health VNA in Andover.

"We have taken quite a big hit on sponsorship," says Breen, adding that the companies them-

selves struggled financially this year, making it difficult for them to renew their commitment to the Feaster. "What it means is the charities end up losing."

The Feaster did recruit one new sponsor — Merrill Lynch, located in Brickstone Square — so all is not lost, says Breen.

Organizers also increased the entry fee from \$20 to \$22 for those who register ahead of time, and to \$25 for those who register after Sunday, Nov. 24, to offset the financial loss, Breen adds. Last-minute runners can register Thanksgiving morning at Woodworth Motors in Shawshen Square.

Then there was the fact that the traditional registration site — the Ramada Rolling Green Inn on Lowell Street — closed this summer. So this year, the Feaster asked people to register at the Guesthouse International Inn & Suites on Pelham Street in Methuen, though the race actually takes place in Andover.

Breen is hopeful that the break in tradition won't deter or confuse too many runners.

"There is a bit of a learning curve, but in the end people hear by word of mouth. I can't imagine that would be such an enormous thing for them to drive a few miles up the road," she says.

In fact, the count is already 400 runners ahead of the number that had signed up by this time last year, adds Breen.

Despite the difficulties, she expects the race to be a success. "We have run into some things this year that we haven't dealt with in the past," she says. "But we're right on track. It's such a wonderful, great, family-oriented event."

One of the only questions remaining is whether the weather will cooperate. But that's something that no amount of planning can control.

"We just basically forge ahead," laughs Breen. "There's nothing we can do about the weather. We just hope we have a nice day."

And, perhaps most importantly, the sweetest Feaster tradition of all will endure.

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IN BRIEF

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set for Friday, Dec. 6

The Andover Center Association will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Main Street will be closed to traffic.

"Bring your friends and family and enjoy the fun, food, and great holiday shopping," merchants said.

Entertainment includes the Mill City Jazz Band, the St. Augustine's Hand Bell Choir (upstairs in Old Town Hall), the Andovers Artists Guild (upstairs in Old Town Hall, 3 to 9 p.m.) and Gary Leavitt, a DJ with musical games and impersonations.

For more information, contact Tom Keefe at 978-475-7872.

Have 'Nutcracker'
information?
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Calling all Nutcracker kids!

The *Townsmen* will publish a listing of local students who are performing in *The Nutcracker* next week, Thursday, Nov. 28, in the Holiday Gift Guide instead of this week, as announced earlier. The extended deadline means that parents or dance instructors who would like to provide write-ups and photos for this story must submit them to the *Townsmen*, Attn: Nutcracker, by tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 22.

As was the case last year, the *Townsmen* plans to package all *Nutcracker* coverage in this special section.

Flu clinic Nov. 25

The Andover Health Department has scheduled a flu clinic for Monday, Nov. 25, at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Street from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The clinic will be open to all residents 18 and older.

Flu season normally begins in late December and January. Health department officials indicate that vaccinations, even in December of January, will help provide efficacious protection from the flu. Questions?

Call the Andover Health Department at 978-623-8295.

PAST AND PRESENT



Top photo: 66-68 Main St. around 1948. The Co-op moved to the K&D Block at this address in 1943, and was sold to the Barcelos Brothers in 1975. Barcelos closed its market in 1990; a second story was added, and CVS and Shawmut Bank (now Sovereign) moved in (bottom photo).

Early deadline

The *Townsmen* will have an early deadline this week because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. All copy is due tomorrow, Friday at 5 p.m.

The issue, dated Thursday, Nov. 28, will be printed and mailed out to subscribers next Tuesday, Nov. 26.

GOP's Dalton stepping down

For the first time in five years, Andover Republicans will have a new leader. Attorney Charles F. Dalton Jr. has announced his intent to step down as party chair. Dalton, a practicing attorney

in Andover since 1971, recently advised the Republican Town Committee of his decision.

Republicans in Andover have steadily gained in voter registration to a point where they are now able to challenge the Democrat enrollment, Dalton says.

"Republican gubernatorial candidates have enjoyed a 60-plus-percent plurality among Andover voters since the election of Gov. Bill Weld. During the recent election, Gov.-elect Romney enjoyed a 66-percent advantage in an easy defeat of the Democrat candidate in Andover," Dalton says.

Dalton will continue as a member of

the Republican Town Committee and will remain active on the state, federal and local level in supporting Republican candidates. He lives in Andover with his wife, Susan, an Andover attorney and former Andover selectman and School Committee Member.

Firefighters Parade Dec. 1

Santa will make a pre-Christmas appearance for the 47th annual Firefighters Parade Sunday, Dec. 1.

The parade is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m., where fire trucks and police motorcycles will start the march from

Whittier Street.

The parade will roll down Elm Street, to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue and will end on Bartlet Street.

Ted Teichert, selectman and brother to firefighter Eric Teichert, will wave from a convertible as this year's grand marshal, says firefighter Jim Landry Jr.

Teichert is being honored for his service to the community and to the fire department.

The rain/snow date for the parade is Sunday, Dec. 8.

"We usually get a pretty good turnout," says Landry.

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Taxes going up, selectman says

TAX FACTOR

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the average commercial and industrial property rose about 24 percent in value.

To account for that jump, and to cover the town's operating budget and pay for the projects approved by Town Meeting, selectmen will likely choose a factor between 1.26 and 1.40 for next year, said Selectman Brian Major.

"Your taxes are going up, no matter what we do," he said.

Last year's 1.26 factor calculated a tax bill of \$4,985 for the average homeowner and \$38,713 for the average commercial-property owner.

Staying at 1.26 would mean the average resident's taxes would climb by \$537, or 10.7 percent, said Major. Increasing the factor to 1.40 would increase the average resident's bill by \$269, or 5.4 percent.

The few residents present at Monday night's hearing urged selectmen to vote a 1.33 factor, which would maintain the division of tax responsibility, though the actual bills would still go up.

"If it's not broken, don't tweak it," said homeowner Bill Burke of South Main Street. "I support the 1.33, which keeps the balance. It's tough times out there."

Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle also asked selectmen to vote for the 1.33 factor, or go even higher, to decrease the burden on residents.



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Since the last assessment in 1999, the average residential property in Andover jumped 34 percent in value.

"There are residents going through some extremely hard times," she said.

A tax factor of 1.33 would mean a bill of \$5,386 for the average homeowner, and a bill of \$42,211 for the average commercial-property owner. The average industrial-property owner would pay \$69,061.

Wil Carpenter, vice president of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, was the only person to ask selectmen to reduce the tax factor to help businesses.

"A reduction of the tax (factor) helps businesses remain

viable... (meet) pay-rolls and pay their lease and mortgage obligations," he said.

Selectmen will also consider three possible tax exemptions:

- an open-space exemption, which would allow residents with developable acreage to deem a parcel as open space and receive a tax reduction in return;

- a residential exemption, which would reduce the tax burden on homeowners who own property worth less than that of the average residential property (\$427,700) at the expense of the higher-valued residential properties; and;

- a commercial exemption, which would allow commercial owners whose businesses are worth less than \$1 million to receive a tax break worth 10 percent of their assessed property value.

Selectmen will continue the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2 in the third-floor conference room at Town Offices. Residents and business owners will be invited to comment until 7 p.m., at which time officials will close the hearing and deliberate. People can also write or e-mail comments to the selectmen, which will be read into the record at the hearing.



Although the town wants to begin \$3.1 million in improvements to Main Street next spring, residents might not see changes until the state releases the \$2.5 million it promised, and plans must be 100-percent ready-to-go first.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

No Main Street changes until 2007?

MAIN STREET PROJECT

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"This is a project we got passed back in 1997," says state Rep. Barry Finegold. "It's 2002 and it's still not done."

Part of that problem is due to a state money shortage, says Steve Colyer, chairman of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC).

This year, the state allotted only \$3.8 million for road projects. The number is even lower for next year — only 3.7 million. That money has to be shared between several projects to which the state has promised money.

"It sometimes turns into a tug of war," says Colyer.

The MVPC is in charge of putting projects on the Transportation Improvement Plan, or TIP, which is submitted to the

state. The state prioritizes the projects as it sees fit.

Finegold wonders whether Andover would be higher up in the TIP if it had moved more speedily through its planning process. But he acknowledges that the community is taking pains to make sure the project is well publicized and thought through.

"It's a tradeoff," he says.

But Andover isn't necessarily stuck in the 2007 slot, says Colyer. If other communities aren't prepared, those communities can lose their slot — and Andover could move up.

"If you're not ready, you're going to get bounced," says Colyer.

Andover will press on to finish its plans, which it has submitted to the state for the 75-percent review stage, says Gian-grande. It will push to prepare

for spring just in case the money becomes available.

"If another project (falls out), we can move ahead of them," says Stapczynski.

"We will have the state sign off on the plans," says Cliff Markell, chairman of the Main Street Committee. "If there is someone one the list ahead of us that doesn't have their ducks in a row, we'll bump up."

The other possible problem is that the longer Andover has to wait for the money, the more outdated the design and the cost estimate for the project will become. But Markell insists — as the Committee promised Town Meeting in April — that he won't return to ask for more money if that happens.

"If we find that prices have changed over the years, then the project will get that much smaller," he says.

Bus driver arrested after wild ride

COMMUTER BUS

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says Bennett. "He said he wasn't drinking."

Fisher refused a breathalyzer test and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, negligently operating a motor vehicle and failing to drive within marked lanes. He was arraigned at Lawrence District Court Tuesday.

It is his first offense, says Bennett.

Trombly leases five buses from the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority. Joe Costanzo, MVRTA administrator, says it is unlikely that the

incident will negatively affect the relationship between the two companies.

"They've always provided an excellent service," says Costanzo, noting that MVRTA has nothing to do with Trombly's drivers.

James Trombly, owner of Trombly Commuter Lines, did not return a call from the Townsman Tuesday. Costanzo says Monday's incident is the only one he's heard of in connection with Trombly.

Not a single MVRTA driver has ever been charged with driving under the influence in Costanzo's 20 years with

MVRTA, and he says that if it occurred it would not be tolerated.

"If that ever remotely happened (at MVRTA), that employee is history," he says.

Daly, who has ridden the commuter bus to and from Boston for more than a year, says she will continue using the bus company. She received a phone call from James Trombly yesterday.

"He was very apologetic," she says.

Trombly participates in random drug and alcohol checks with the federal Department of Transportation, says Bennett.

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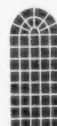
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Disaster response

Fixing the flood fallout

Andover center sends expert to Prague to help conserve historic and cultural documents, books

By Neil Fater

Three months since August floods covered much of low-lying Prague in the Czech Republic, Czech officials are still trying to reopen city services such as subway stations. One can only imagine how long it will take workers to repair the rare and historic books stored in the city's museums and libraries.

But Deborah Wender has some idea. Wender, the director of book conservation at Andover's Northeast Document Conservation Center in Brickstone Square, just returned from the Czech Republic, where she spent eight days offering her advice on how to salvage thousands of flood- and sometimes also sewer-water damaged materials.

How big is the task ahead? "It's huge. It's just giant. They have, in fact, not settled either on a universal drying technique or a universal disinfection technique." Such techniques help speed the process of saving the damaged cultural collections.

As it is, Wender says it will take two to five years just to dry out these materials. It will take another 20 to 100 years to clean, wash, disinfect and mend the books and prints, and reassemble the architectural models damaged at places such as the

architectural archives of the National Technical Museum.

Wender was invited to Prague by the office of the Czech president, and traveled there thanks to the financial support of the US Embassy and the Getty Conservation Institute. NEDCC, a non-profit facility in Andover, has exchange programs with European conservators and considerable experience

with disasters. Wender, trained as a first responder to emergencies, also says "we have a lot of experience doing large-scale projects and organizing work efficiently."

275,000 objects

They'll need to work productively, as there is plenty to do. Wender says 20,000 rare books and 6,000 prints were salvaged from the Municipal Library alone.

She says that she heard someone talk about the flood affecting 275,000 objects in Central Prague.

"Upriver, some places were almost completely demolished," she says. But items that were saved were quickly frozen to prevent mold growth and were sent to a giant refrigerated warehouse known simply as "the freezer."

"I think it was like the size of a football field. It sure felt that big," she says. Wender stayed only a few minutes in the freezer,



Many institutions in Prague still show the effects of flood damage, caused by severe August floods. Above, The August floods toppled shelves and damaged materials in the Architectural Archives of the Technical Museum. Andover worker Deborah Wender went to Prague this month to help aid in efforts to preserve rare books and prints.

er, which keeps the materials at -30 degrees.

After all, she wasn't brought to Prague for her ability to withstand extreme climates; she was brought there to help.

Wender spent most of her time visiting damaged areas and talking with workers. She discussed health and safety issues related to handling contaminated materials, to prevent people from getting sick. She also

taught people ways to treat several delicate materials at once, and discussed other "tricks."

One of these tricks was how to dry rare books using a vacuum bag.

Wender says someone places blotting material around the

book. The book is placed in a vacuum bag, the air is drawn out and the bag is sealed. This prevents mold growth and the moisture is sucked out of the book by the blotting material. The blotting material can be replaced as needed.

Examining the sites

But she indicates that Prague will need a whole lot of blotting material.

In fact, Wender visited some of the important institutions that were devastated in the floods.

At the National Library in central Prague, two performance halls at the central location were filled with ground water. The water was one meter deep in the back of the halls, but nine meters deep at the opposite ends, as floors slanted down toward the stages.

"It was a swimming pool. It was just unbelievable," says Wender. "They've gutted those halls - and, of course, they lost the income from them."

One library branch is expected to be bulldozed, while at another, she said, "the building will be usable, but the collections - it's all been thrown away. All they saved from that branch are the rare books and the building."

Wender says that a Prague conservation school has admitted a large first-year class because it knows it needs many more trained workers.

It will be an expensive operation to save all the materials damaged in the August flood. It's costing \$2,000 per day just to keep the books frozen, she says.

The NEDCC Web site will post contact information for those who want to contribute to the conservation efforts. The Web site address is <www.nedcc.org>.

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ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - At 6:44 a.m., Samuel Rodriguez, 30, of 299 Howard St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, indecent assault and battery on a person aged 14 or older, and assault to rape.

At 9:07 p.m., Jill Parks, 20, of 11 Tulley St., Windham, N.H., was arrested and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

At 9:30 p.m., Andrew Robinson, 20, of 24 East Water St., North Andover, was arrested and charged as a minor in possession of a Class D substance.

At 9:55 p.m., Jeffrey Balbucina, 19, of 17 Michael Way, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance.

At 10:32 p.m., Margaret Ryan, 49, of 17 East Road, Atkinson, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Friday, Nov. 15 - At 2:09 p.m., Jayson Wagner, 21, of 168 Piperhill Road, Loudon, N.H.,

and Jeremy Harrington, 20, of 163 Oakhill Road, Salisbury, N.H., were arrested and charged with possessing a hypodermic needle, distributing a Class A substance and possessing a Class A substance.

At 3:05 p.m., Michael Ortlieb, 28, of 97 Highcrest Road, West Roxbury, was arrested and charged with driving without a license, without an inspection sticker and without registration.

At 9:54 p.m., a 17-year-old Billerica male and a 15-year-old Andover male were taken into protective custody for intoxication.

Monday, Nov. 18 - At 9:19 a.m., Frederick Robinson, 41, of 34 Maple St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon (pepper spray) and possessing a firearm (pepper spray) without proper identification. He was also charged on a warrant for destruction of property worth more than \$250 and larceny of goods worth more than \$250.

At 8:58 p.m., John Paulsen, 46, of 161 Berkley St., Apt. 7,

Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for indecent assault and battery.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - At 8:05 p.m., a caller reported a domestic argument between a wife and husband. An officer was to file on the incident.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - At 1:12 p.m., a West Knoll Road caller reported a small fire coming from behind a garage. The fire department extinguished the fire.

Friday, Nov. 15 - At 4 p.m., a Pine Street male came into the station to report that the hot dog vendor on Main Street had taken the male's skateboard away from him. An officer retrieved the skateboard and told the male not to skate on Main Street.

At 4:01 p.m., an Anderson Circle caller reported a lost black pocketbook.

At 6:13 p.m., a caller from the Marriott Hotel wanted to talk to an officer to report a possible scam.

Saturday, Nov. 16 - At 11:29 a.m., a caller reported a dispute

between a tenant and a landlord.

At 12:45 p.m., a Burr Road caller reported being threatened by a coworker.

At 2:01 p.m., a Railroad Street caller reported that a man in a fifth-floor apartment had locked himself out on his balcony. The landlord was called to unlock the door and firefighters cut the chain lock so the man could get back into his apartment.

At 2:24 p.m., a Crescent Drive caller reported that three boys had beat her son. An officer was to speak to the son and witnesses.

Sunday, Nov. 17 - At 10:27 a.m., a Colonial Drive caller reported annoying phone calls.

At 8:04 p.m., a caller reported a domestic argument at a School Street address. An officer was to file on the incident.

At 10:49 p.m., a Burnham Road caller reported that a wolf had chased her up her front steps. An officer did not find a wolf in the area, but did note that a neighbor was letting inside a very large dog at the time the officer was there.

Monday, Nov. 18 - At 9:05 a.m., a male reported that an employee at his work place on Union Street had threatened him.

At 1:39 p.m., an Elm Street female brought a set of keys that she had found into the station.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - At 2:51 p.m., a female reported that her pocketbook and cell phone were missing.

At 4:45 p.m., a caller reported that an 11-year-old boy was out of control and bit his mother. The boy was taken to the hospital.

At 5:35 p.m., a High Plain Road caller reported that a friend's boyfriend had threatened the caller.

At 10:33 p.m., a detective reported that three vehicles drove off after an attempted undercover drug deal went bad. One of the vehicle's struck a detective's vehicle when it drove away.

BREAKS

Sunday, Nov. 17 - At 8:54 p.m., a Messina Drive caller reported that his house had been

broken into.

THEFTS

Sunday, Nov. 17 - At 5:08 p.m., a Ruggerio Way caller reported a case of identity theft.

Monday, Nov. 18 - At 10:10 a.m., a Marland Street caller reported a stolen flag.

At 2:42 p.m., an employee at the Andovers Gift Shop reported a shoplifter.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - At 11:21 a.m., a Whittier Street resident reported that some items had been stolen from her home.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - At 6:48 p.m., a female reported that she had accidentally locked her child in her car while it was parked in Dundee Park.

At 8:14 p.m., a female reported that her car's license plates had been stolen while it was parked on River Road.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - At 8:07 a.m., a Minuteman Road caller reported that her license plates had been stolen.

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■ AUTO INCIDENTS

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At 2:30 p.m., a school-bus driver reported that two kids threw a rock at the bus on Railroad Street.

At 3:15 p.m., an officer issued a warning to a junior operator of a vehicle who was driving with passengers on Lowell Street.

At 9:02 p.m., a male reported that a pipe, sticking out of Stinson Road due to the sewer project, had punctured his tire.

Friday, Nov. 15 – At 8:58 a.m., a Tewksbury Street caller reported that someone had tried to break into his vehicle.

At 5:32 p.m., a County Road caller reported that someone had thrown a pumpkin at his vehicle.

At 7:28 p.m., a caller reported that a car slid off the road off Route 125. Another car reportedly slid off the road on Lupine Road at 10:37 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 – At 5:14 a.m., a caller on Route 125 reported a dead

deer in the road.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 – At 4:18 p.m., one car was towed from an accident on Riverina Road. No one was injured.

At 5:06 p.m., two cars were towed from an accident on York Street. One person was treated for minor injuries.

Thursday, Nov. 14 – At 8:18 a.m., two cars were towed from an accident on Gould Road. No one was injured.

Saturday, Nov. 16 – At 12:54 a.m., a caller reported that a car had struck a tree on High Plain Road. The car was towed and no one was injured.

At 1:19 a.m., a caller reported that a car rolled over at the end of the off-ramp from Interstate 495. An ambulance and tow truck responded to the scene.

At 7:22 a.m., a caller reported that a car went off the road on Bulfinch Drive. An ambulance responded to treat the driver, who complained of a headache.

Sunday, Nov. 17 – At 9:33 a.m., a caller reported that a car hit a telephone pole on North Street. The car was towed and an ambulance responded to treat the injured party.

At 12:36 p.m., a caller reported that a sand truck hit his vehicle on Brookside Drive.

VANDALISM

Two incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

\$12,300 raise for town manager

Selectmen made good on their glowing review of the town manager Monday night by awarding him a \$12,300 salary increase.

Buzz Stapczynski, a 12-year employee of the town, will receive \$115,300 for this year. He will receive a retroactive salary of \$112,000 for last year.

His salary was last adjusted in 2000, when he earned \$103,000.

After reviewing Stapczynski in

2001, selectmen decided to hold off on a salary hike until negotiations with unions and other department heads were complete.

The town only recently completed negotiations for new contracts, several of which were overdue.

Stapczynski's salary boost includes cost of living expenses and two \$3,000 performance awards for achievements in 2001 and 2002.

— Rebecca Piro

Smokeout has 26 candles today

By Ben Hellman

The Great American Smokeout will celebrate its 26th year today, Thursday. The event, inspired by a Randolph man who encouraged people to stop smoking for a day, has become a nationwide phenomenon to encourage smokers to quit smoking for one day.

More than 90 percent of adult smokers start smoking before the age of 18, said Ron Beauregard of Healthy Communities Tobacco Control, an agency that checks to see if stores are selling cigarettes to minors.

In the agency's last check of Andover, on Sept. 22, none of Andover's cigarette-sellers sold to a minor sent into the store to buy. The 16-year-old girl who was sent into the store didn't have any identification with her and did not lie when asked about her age, something Beauregard says tobacco control has come under criticism for, and he admits it is a valid criticism. Beauregard says that having no

trickery involved makes the case seem fairer in court and that if the store clerk ID's the minor, they are doing their job.

However, because most youth employ a variety of schemes to buy cigarettes, Beauregard calls tobacco control's statistics a "modest indication" of how many minors are buying cigarettes.

Smoking kills nearly a million Americans each year, according to the American Cancer Society.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of death for men and women and over 80 percent of lung cancer cases is attributed to smoking.

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Andover Police join Click It or Ticket Campaign

The Andover Police Department is joining 180 Massachusetts local police departments and the state police in a Thanksgiving Holiday traffic-enforcement "mobilization" as part of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket Campaign.

The department received a \$12,600 grant as part of the campaign, which will run until Dec. 1.

"This Click It or Ticket mobilization is an effort to reduce the danger we all face from motor vehicle crashes during the heavily-traveled Thanksgiving holiday period," said Chief Brian Pattullo.

Pattullo says the effort will also ensure that safety-belt and child-passenger safety laws are being followed.

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket Campaign, made possible by a federal highway

safety grant, combines traffic enforcement, paid and non-paid media messages, as well as community education and outreach.

States that participated in last May's Click It or Ticket mobilization saw an overall 9-percent increase in safety-belt use.

"These safe driving practices need to be followed all year long if we are to reduce the more than 400 fatalities, 91,000 injuries, and \$6.3 billion in economic costs from motor vehicle crashes that annually devastate Massachusetts families and our economy," said Nancy J. Luther, executive director of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau.

There were 10 motor-vehicle crashes in Massachusetts that resulted in 10 fatalities during the four-day Thanksgiving holiday period last year.

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TOWN TALK

Jingle bells juxtaposition

Those who dread the arrival of winter have to appreciate Don Cowan.

His hot-dog cart continues to appear fairly regularly on Fridays and Saturdays in front of Old Town Hall even though the cart — normally associated with summer weather — is now sharing space with a Salvation Army collector, the harbinger of Christmas.

The part-time hot-dog guy planned to man his cart through the end of the summer, but he now says he'll keep selling "as long as people keep buying hot dogs."

Cowan says he wouldn't sell hot dogs in a snowstorm, such as the one predicted for this past weekend, but he plans to keep returning as long as business stays good.

Cowan normally gives his tips to the Lions Club to fight blindness.

Cowan says that a customer warned him that all his tips now are going to the Salvation Army bucket next to him. "That's a good cause, too," he says.

— Ben Hellman

Girl power on display

Some events have become fixtures in Andover tradition. That's the case with the annual Powder Puff football game, with girls playing on the field and guys wielding pompoms on the sidelines.

It will be held Friday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. on Lovely Field. "It's so much fun!" exclaims Colleen Haugh, a junior, whose sister participated last year. "I can't wait until I get to do it as a senior."

— Kyra Auffermann

Playground account strikes gold

Recess will be more fun in the spring as a playground fundraiser for the new schools was a hit.

About \$38,000 was raised at last Friday night's playground benefit held at Andover Country Club. Currently,

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ON THE SCENE

Prom preview is 12 years early

But at least Dad gets invited to this one

They are at least 12 years away from their first proms, but they got a trial run last Friday night at a Holly Ball designed especially for them.

The glow of their giggling, smiling faces assured the proud escorts that tickets to this event were well worth it.

It was last Friday night's Holly Ball held at Old Town Hall for Andover dads and their daughters age 5 and under.

Dressed in holiday finery with matching mini-corsages, this crowd of little girls got their dads dancing while they giggled the two-hour party away. Red was clearly the hot holiday color for this crowd and they wore it in satin, velvet and pretty plaids.

"There's not much like it around and she had a great time dressing up."

There really is nothing cuter," Charles Leinbach said of the event. He escorted his daughter, Hannah, 3.

Dads took pictures and pointed the camcorders while some of their daughters teamed up with their best friends from kindergarten and pre-school.

Little Samantha Baptiste, 3, was accessorized to the nines, as she was only

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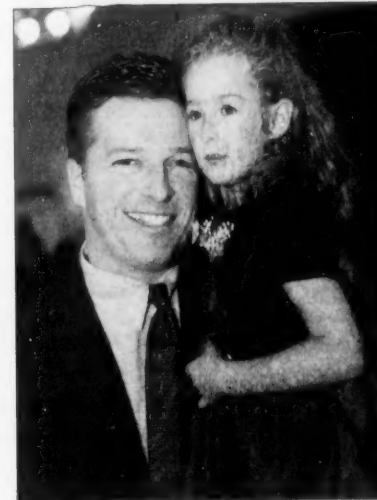
Tom Davis and his daughter Meg



Bob Rudis and his daughters Moly (left) and Nikole



Steve Kohut and his daughter Katy



Scott Hale and his daughter Kathryn

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



PHOTO BY JOE MANGANO

The Memorial Hall Library "Cart Wheelers Precision Drill Team" will be one of the groups marching in the annual Firefighters Santa Parade on Sunday, Dec. 1. Members said, "Library staff, family and friends will march down Main Street in (un)precision drill formation to cadences that will make you want to clap your hands and tap your toes." Memorial Hall Library staffers, led by drill sergeant Gerry Deyermond (front) and drummer Jim Sutton (center back), take a break before early morning drill team practice in the library parking lot. Back row, from left: Glenda Schaake, Jim Sutton, Denise Carriere; middle row: Nancy Bartlett, Beth Mazin, Pam MacKinnon; front row: Nancy Richards, Leslie Baskin; kneeling: Gerry Deyermond. Missing from photo: Beth Kerrigan.

'The Rev. Dr. Mom'

Unorthodox Methodist pastor honored Sunday

By Ben Hellman

REV. CYNTHIA GOOD sits in a comfortable chair stroking her large black-and-white cat, Telemachus.

Good named him after a character from Homer's *Odyssey* and, when she puts him back on the floor, he continues to vibrate audibly, seeking her attention.

Every so often, Good's son Alden, a large boy for his 4½ years, drives a toy truck through the room, also wondering what is stealing his mother's attention. Alden is an imaginative boy with a big, sometimes demanding voice. He takes the time to give Good updates on how his truck is doing.

Good's 2-year-old Natalie is, for the moment, sleeping in another room.

"Being a pastor is like being a parent. (There are) endless expectations," says Good. There is also guilt when an expectation cannot be met, she says. She made light of her new title, "doctor," which will add to her title at a service at Ballardvale United Church this Sunday, Nov. 24.

"I just get more letters around my name," she joked that she will get a gold-plated neck charm that reads "The Rev. Dr. Mom."

The unorthodox Methodist clergywoman is on family leave from pastoring, but she fills in at churches, for months at a time,



The Rev. Cynthia Good will receive the title 'doctor' at a service this Sunday, Nov. 24 at Ballardvale United Church.

when other pastors go on leave. She refers to these stints as "gigs."

Speaking of pastoring, Good says "I wanted to be a part of the whole of peoples' lives — the births, deaths, crises. I don't mind being called at 4 in the morning when someone dies."

"(These are) holy moments. Fixing the urinal is draining," she said.

Good learned to do that at one church she worked at.

Good is in her living room, surrounded by books and art, the

two things that her father would spend money on when she was growing up. Her father was a scientist, her mother a musician, so Good has never wanted for art, music or learning. She has woven these values into her life, her spiritual calling and her doctoral program.

Good's program, "Feminist Liturgy and Spirituality," focused on creativity in worship.

"How does creativity affect how people look at scriptures? If you do something creative, it opens new insights for you," she said. Good calls creativity "a gift from God." Part of her studies involved meeting with a group of women and finding a way to bring creativity into the week's service. It allowed Good to see how the creative activity affected the group, but also how the congregation responded when Good's group shared their work with them.

For an Easter service, the theme was resurrection. Good's group brainstormed what resurrection meant and what images would be meaningful for the service. They draped the cross with fabric and ribbons allowing for a dramatic revelation.

"It was very effective," said Good.

Good doesn't know when she will return to pastoring, only that

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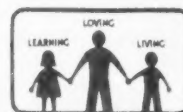
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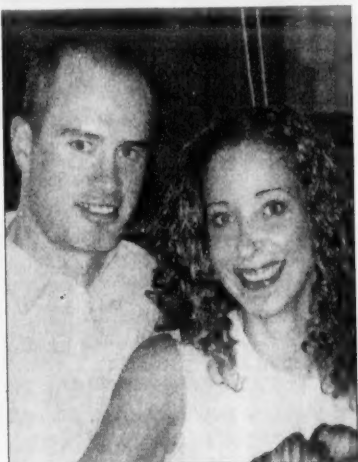
Romanelli-Murray

Mr. and Mrs. James Bedford of Andover announce the engagement of their son, Thomas G. Murray, of New York City, to Lisa Romanelli, also of New York City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Romanelli of Harrington Park, N.J.

Ms. Romanelli is a graduate of Old Tapan High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Muhlenberg College. She is employed as a human resources manager for Bloomberg Inc. in New York City.

Mr. Murray is a graduate of Andover High School. He received a bachelor of science in business management from Providence College. He is employed in the finance sector for CIBC World Markets Corp. as a business associate in New York City.

The couple plan a June wedding.



Thomas Murray and
Lisa Romanelli

Nelson-Cullen

John and Vicki Nelson of Oakton, Va. announced the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Elisabeth of New York City, to Douglas Gavin Cullen, also of New York, son of Neil and Betsey Cullen of Andover.

Ms. Nelson graduated with honors in religion from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Cullen is a graduate of Andover High School, Phillips Academy and Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where he majored in biology and society.

For the past three years Ms. Nelson has worked as a management consultant with Silver Oak Partners in San Francisco, Brussels and New York. She is now a full-time student in the Stern School of Business at New York University.

Mr. Cullen is a senior sales executive in the Financial Markets Group of Williams Communications in New York.

The couple plan a May wedding in Washington, D.C.



Douglas Cullen and
Rachel Nelson

Pimentel-Slye

Anthony and Cheryl Pimentel of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill M. Pimentel, to Jason W. Slye, son of Warren and Cynthia Slye of Brentwood, N.H.

Ms. Pimentel is a graduate from Austin Preparatory School in Reading, and will graduate from Merrimack College in December.

Her fiancé graduated from Berwick Academy in Berwick, Maine and Merrimack College. He currently works at Wyeth BioPharma in Andover and is working towards his master's degree in biotechnology at Tufts University, in Medford.

The couple set a wedding date of Oct. 4, 2003.



Jill Pimentel and
Jason Slye

Lowrie-Sowers

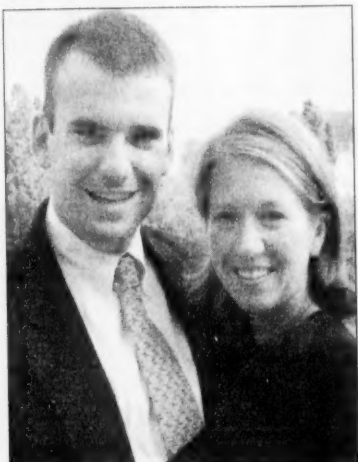
Frederic B. Lowrie Jr. of Andover and Mary Lou Saarinen Lowrie of West Newbury announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison MacIvor Lowrie, to Jason Ferris Sowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ferris Sowers of Ridgewood, N.J.

Ms. Lowrie is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and the University of Richmond, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is currently employed as an account executive at Arnold Worldwide, an advertising agency in Boston.

Mr. Sowers is a graduate of Ridgewood High School and Amherst College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in computer science and economics. He is currently employed as an associate at Poweradvocate, a software company in Randolph.

The couple met at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1996 during Ms. Lowrie's senior year and Mr. Sowers' postgraduate year. They both currently live in Brookline.

The couple plan an August wedding.



Jason Sowers and
Allison Lowrie

Schaake-Bromberg

Paul and Glenda Schaake of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Beth, to David William Bromberg, son of Ellie Bromberg of Andover and the late Herbert Bromberg.

Ms. Schaake is a 1993 graduate of Andover High School, and a 1997 graduate of Hartwick College. She received her master's in education from Worcester State College. She is a math teacher and diving coach at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School in Acton.

Mr. Bromberg is a 1993 graduate of Andover High School, a 1997 graduate of University of Massachusetts Amherst, and will receive his MBA from Suffolk University. He is an assistant vice president of the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell.

The couple plan an August wedding.



Amanda Schaake and
David Bromberg

DiZazzo-Trumbull

Mary N. DiZazzo and David Trumbull celebrated their engagement to be married with about 50 friends at a roof-deck party Sept. 29 at their home on Beacon Hill, Boston.

The couple received an engagement blessing from the Rev. H. Bowen Woodruff of the Anglican Church of the Incarnation, Cambridge.

Ms. DiZazzo, a native of Methuen, is a third-generation cosmetologist and is owner/operator of Mary for Nails, Etc., a natural nail-care salon in Andover. She has been in the cosmetology business in Andover for more than 20 years.

Mr. Trumbull is a Michigan native and graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed by the National Textile Association, Boston. He is treasurer of the Textile Club of Boston; is the past chairman of the Republican party in Cambridge; and is listed in *Who's Who in America*.

The couple plan a September wedding in Rome, Italy.



Mary DiZazzo and
David Trumbull

Driscoll-O'Connell

Danielle Ann O'Connell and Luke Benedict Driscoll were married in Cornwall, England.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Nancy O'Connell of Scituate. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and received a master of arts degree from the University of Bristol, England. She is executive assistant to the senior development team and producer for Trans World International, London.

The groom is the son of Anthony and Jane Driscoll of Cornwall, England. He graduated from the University of Bristol, England with a degree in mechanical engineering/MAC in computer science. He is a software engineer for Caplin Systems Ltd., London.

After a wedding trip to Malta, the couple live in London.



Luke and Danielle
Driscoll

Bedrosian-LeRoy

Wesley Alan Bedrosian and Cristina Amparo LeRoy were married by a justice of the peace July 13 at Andover Country Club.

Given in marriage by her parents, Sterling and Laura Lopez LeRoy of Houston, Texas, the bride was attended by her sister, Maria LeRoy of Austin, Texas.

Wesley is the son of Paul and Anna Bedrosian of Andover.

Harrison Bedrosian was the best man and groomsmen was P. Stephan Bedrosian.

Both are brothers of the groom and both live in Andover. Evan Bedrosian, nephew of the groom, served as junior groomsmen. Anna Mendoza, niece of the bride was the flower girl and Corey Bedrosian, also nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Following a reception at Andover Country Club, the couple honeymooned in Australia. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Wesley Bedrosian and
Cristina LeRoy

Granger-Radulski

Carroll and Constance Granger of Hanover, Pa. announce the engagement of their daughter, Aimée Lyn Granger, of Baltimore, Md., to Walter Charles Radulski, of Charlestown.

He is the son of Walter and Rosemary Radulski of North Andover.

Ms. Granger attended South Western Night School in Hanover, Pa., Johns Hopkins School of Radiology, Maryland Institute Ultrasound, and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Baltimore.

She is a product sales manager at Siemens Medical Solutions USA.

Mr. Radulski is a graduate of Andover High School, Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vt., and received a bachelor of science in pure and applied sciences from Villanova University. He is vice president, equity trader, at Pulse Trading, Boston.

The couple plan a November wedding in Gettysburg, Pa.

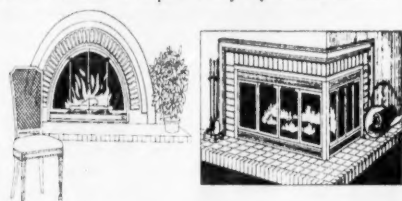


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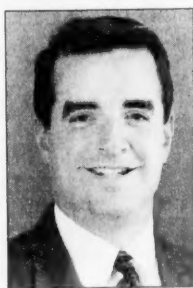
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ON THE SCENE

HOLLY BALL

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one wearing a tiara. She attended with her father, Jim Baptiste and her twin sister, Madelein.

Nearby was the youngest attendee - 13-month-old Lindi Schroeder, who was escorted by her dad, Richard Schroeder.

Jerry Gonsalves kept busy dancing with his two daughters, Jessica, 5, and Veronica, 3. He is among 10 dads who get to do the whole scene over again tomorrow night as there is another Holly Ball for girls over age 5 and their dads. He also has 6-year-old daughter, Hannah.

"I feel like I'm in high school," he laughed about the scene before adding, "this is a great night out for the girls" and he looks forward to doing it all over again.

Department of Community Services sponsors the Holly Ball, which has certainly caught on around town. Last year, DCS sponsored the first Holly Ball and it sold out quickly.

The long wait list prompted DCS to hold two this year.

"Parents want this. It's just a great event... look at them," said Vern Loschi of DCS, who greeted guests with single red carnations and complimentary photographs.

"This sold out and next week's Holly Ball is also sold out," she said.

She said 126 attended last Friday and paid \$30 per family. About that many are expected tomorrow night.



PHOTO BY JOHN GILLOOLY

Nearly 200 guests attended the gala honoring Sam Rogers and \$120,000 was raised to benefit the American Textile History Museum's programs and services. Sitting, from left, are Mel Weiner, Sally Herbst, and Stephen and Kathryn Weiner. Standing are Tom Cone, Betsy Cullen, Elizabeth Cook, Don Abbott, Betsy Abbott and H. Lynn Herbst. All are from Andover/Phillips Academy.

While "the NO moms allowed" rule was in full swing at this ball, there were two women stationed near the band. Call them groupies, as they were the moms with the band, Recess. Members are Ryan Furlong, Sean Furlong, Laura Murray, Daniel Murray and Erica Potts.

The American Textile History Museum honored Sam Rogers

of North Andover as its first recipient of a community service award. Some 200 people attended the black tie event held last Thursday at the Lowell museum. Organizers said some \$120,000 was raised at the benefit and will be used for various museum programs and services. Several Andover residents attended including David Abbot, R. Louise Abbot, Diane F. and

James Affleck, Cindy and Scott Bernstein, George Bixby, Linda Carpenter, Larry Ardito, Christopher Corbett, Katherine and David Dietz, Robert L. Gable, Angel and Rachel Garcia, Andrew A. and Bettina Girdwood, Mr. and Mrs. Hooks K. Johnston Jr., Susan Johnston, Phebe S. Miner, Joshua Miner, Dr. Neville and Catherine Rosen and Stephen Weiner.

TOWN TALK

PLAYGROUND

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there is no playground at the school, so parents banded together to raise money to pay for one. The event included raffles, a live auction and a silent auction.

"We will have a nice new facility in the spring," said Martha Hyslip, who co-chairs the parent advisory council at Wood Hill Elementary School.

She said 244 people attended the bash.

- Judy Wakefield

Story Weaver to entertain at Starbucks

Starbucks on Main Street is sponsoring the StoryWeaver on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Nicolette Heavey is the StoryWeaver, an Andover-based storyteller who spins both old and new tales for children to enjoy. At Starbucks she plans "to delight the young and the young at heart" with familiar fairytales, original tales and to get everybody involved with stories expressed in song, she says.

The StoryWeaver recently entertained students at South School's Scholastic Book Fair on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Families are encouraged to drop in anytime during the two-hour performance.



Nicolette Heavey

WHAT'S UP



Casey Leber (standing), owner of Pottery Potentials, gives some tips to Kristin Castagliola (in back) and Anastasia Sullivan.

PHOTO BY KYRA AUFFERMANN

Measuring success by the bowlful

By Kyra Auffermann
WHAT'S UP intern

LAST THURSDAY EVENING at Pottery Potentials, a paint-it-yourself pottery studio located in downtown Andover, approximately 10 volunteers wielded glaze-saturated brushes and holiday-themed rubber stamps, creating four sets of 12 bowls for the upcoming Lazarus House Ministry live auction.

Casey Leber, the owner of Pottery Potentials, is also donating one 'Ladies' Night Out' at the studio and a birthday party for the cause.

"I think people are going to be thrilled (with the bowls)," says Leber. "Success can be measured in numbers, or by what's being generated... this is helping people in other communities."

The painting started at 6:30. Many in the group helping to paint and decorate the bowls were members of St. Augustine

Parish's confirmation classes.

Some were there to help meet the 20-hour time requirement for their confirmation class, while others came for the music and the socializing.

"I have plenty of community-service time; I just like painting," admits Laura Notini, a ninth-grader at Pike School.

"It's good to do something just because you can," says Jessica Prencipe, a freshman at Andover High. Alyssa Lau, also a freshman, added, "It's fun!"

Bridget Shaheen, director of Lazarus House, seemed enthusiastic regarding the event ("This is awesome"), and mentioned that these bowl sets were one of the favorite items offered at last year's auction.

"This is the way Lazarus House gets to do what it does," Shaheen commented, "through the goodness of other people... we just channel what they do."

Pottery Potentials is also offering an early-bird special on

Friday, Nov. 29 from 7 to 10 a.m., allowing customers an hour of free painting time per can of food that they bring, which will be donated to Lazarus House.

Lazarus House is a charitable organization that serves the Lawrence community through supporting those in need of medical care, food, shelter, day care and other critical community support services throughout the year. The theme for this year's auction is "Sharing Our Bounty," and will take place tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., located at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover. Tickets are \$75, and can be purchased by calling Lana Schofield at 978-689-8575, Ext. 303. Just remember to bid on those bowls.

► WHAT'S UP is written by kids for kids. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsmantown.com.

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Opinion

Our Warrior champions

THE LADY WARRIORS have done it again. Like other sports dynasties, they have reeled off state championships to the point where it's become routine — unless you're a member of the team, or one of their parents or coaches.

They know how much practice and drive it takes to make things look easy — to the point of appearing automatic. That's why they have captured their fourth straight MIAA State Championship Meet team title.

Over the weekend, in a 24-team field, the girls placed first in nine of 12 events, swept all three relay races, set two new state records and generally swamped the rest of the qualifying field out of the pool in earning their fabulous 'four-peat.'

Acton-Boxboro was (*past tense* now) the only other school in the history of the girls state swim meet to win four consecutive titles. On Saturday, the Lady Warriors' 345 points were more than twice the total of also-ran Acton-Boxboro's 156.

Now it's the Andover girls who have center stage, and before everyone asks them about next year, keep in mind there are only nine seniors on the team.

They have lost swimmers to graduation and college before and, rising to the occasion, younger teammates moved up to take their place and show what they can do.

Unlike the Celtics' Bird-McHale-Parish-DJ-Ainge dream-team dynasty of the '80s, a solid-core team that stayed intact for years, the Lady Warriors have constantly renewed and reinvented themselves, coming up big whenever the pressure was on.

With the Celtics, viewers would marvel at the present and wonder about the future.

With the Warriors under the leadership of coach Marilyn Fitzgerald, there's no reason to believe it won't continue in the same tradition of excellence.

While the girls enjoy their team celebration party Sunday in Old Town Hall, they will know that townspeople are proud of what they have accomplished — year after year after year after year.

Web question

How do you plan to observe the Great American Smokeout today?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Should the town expand its existing senior center space or build a new center in west Andover near the proposed youth center land?

Out of 38 votes:

• 21 people, or 55 percent, said "Stay put. The present location is in the middle of town and accessible to the library, town offices and downtown gathering spots."

• 3 people, or 8 percent, said "Building in west Andover is the better choice. It would give the seniors a building designed to their needs."

• 13 people, or 34 percent, said "Andover does not need to expand its center."

• 1 person, or 3 percent, said "Other."

This week's Web question: **Today is the Great American Smokeout. How do you plan to observe the day?**

• "I don't smoke."

• "I don't smoke, but I will encourage someone who is trying to quit."

• "I'll try to quit."

• "I'll smoke till I drop."

• Other.

To cast a vote, surf to <www.andovertownsmen.com>.

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsmen* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

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PICTURE WINDOW



Ray Pena puts the finishing touches on a holiday window display at Daher's shoe store on Main Street.

LETTER

Government should protect us, and invest in cleaner energy

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Your recent article about the struggle to prevent power plants from being established in low-income areas ("Justice in the air," Nov. 14, page 1) reminds me that governments and power suppliers have a responsibility to citizens to provide energy without threatening health.

Traditional coal, natural gas and oil power threatens our quality of life by creating global warming. When fossil fuels burn, they release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, trapping excessive heat which raises average temperatures around the world.

Global warming is a man-made environmental problem, and it can be stopped if we make responsible energy choices. Reliable, clean energy alternatives exist. Solar and wind power provide electricity without devastating environmental and health consequences.

Our government has subsidized fossil fuels for more than 100 years, allowing mining companies to mine coal on federal land at a rate of only \$2.50 per acre, by providing massive investments in "clean coal" and by investing tax revenues in fossil-fuel exploration.

Far smaller investments in solar and wind could make these forms of energy cost competitive, create jobs and foster a healthier environment.

The time for clean energy is now, and power suppliers and the government must change their ways, providing clean, safe energy to all people.

Melanie Schmidt
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Giving thanks for lively elections

Some years, it's obvious why Election Day is closely followed by Thanksgiving Day. This year, it became transparent to me during the five-way debate with the candidates for governor of Massachusetts.

The symmetry was beautiful. There was the left, left center, right center, far right, and one orbiting just beyond Pluto.

And next time, if we have 10 candidates for governor instead of only five, I'll be twice as thankful.

Even if most of them each get only 1 percent of the pie.

The more, the merrier. At least it dramatically lowers the boredom quotient and somewhat improves the odds of finding a candidate to vote for.

Take fringe — I mean, Independent — candidate Barbara Johnson of Andover. (Please.)

Johnson is chain-smoking, living proof that you can parlay driving a used fire truck while free-associating to get 15,000 votes statewide.

The Pilgrims never had that much fun. Yet even though she can imitate legendary Celtic broadcaster, the late Johnny Most — *Havlicek Stole the Ball!* — Johnson still got only 70 votes in Andover.

Can Governor-elect Mitt Romney, who walked away with 50 percent of the statewide vote, do that?

Johnson even used part of her time in the five-way candidates debate, and some of her competitors' time as well, to brand Libertarian candidate Carla Howell as someone in need of a 30-day mental observation for her ideas.

The Libertarian Party's belief in the "right" to carry guns on airplanes seems particularly loony in the post-9/11 world.

I had always thought that the term Libertarian Party was kind of an oxymoron, like jumbo shrimp. Do they mean they're actually going to spend money on other people? Well, they're certainly not going to spring for any shrimp-cocktail hors d'oeuvres at their parties. Who'd pay for them?

Or do they hand a pretzel to each person coming in the door, and during the course of the evening, guests are welcome to lick off the salt, but as they exit, they have to give back the pretzel for the next election...

They could hand each person a gun signed by their patron saint Charlton Heston, and partygoers could fire away like they're in some backward part of the world where that passes for entertainment.

You know, both Oprah and Martha Stewart urge their fans to have some "take-care-of-me" time, a message that could easily replace the "small-government-is-beautiful" chant that candidate Howell kept mouthing in response to every question during the debates.

If she turned sideways, I expected to see a key in her back. Maybe her dream date would be Styx's *Mr. Roboto*.

I thought that flinty gleam in Howell's eyes as she contemplated the mischief that would be caused by approval of ballot Question One — to abolish the state income tax — made New Hampshire's Old Man of the Mountain look like Mother Theresa.

This Thanksgiving, I'm glad I'm not Barbara Johnson's aerobics instructor, Carla Howell's accountant — or Shannon O'Brien's hairstylist.

I recall seeing O'Brien in town about four years ago just after a funeral, and wondering, "Humm... What's she running for?"

Now we know. She's ready to do TV commercials for Southwest Airlines, whose tagline is "Wanna Get Away?"

You think maybe O'Brien regrets unveiling her sense of humor with her 'wanna-see-my-lat-too joke' and the endless parsing of the word "unbecoming"? Coming up the big loser of the race, she probably won't want to hear either of those words again anytime soon.

I'm particularly thankful we've nearly seen the last of Acting Gov. Jane Swift.

In fact, I'm looking forward to only two years from now, when Vice-President Dick Cheney cites health concerns, or grows tired of living in a bunker, and decides not to run again.

That will clear the way for Gov. Mitt Romney to continue the tradition of tiring of life on Beacon Hill and accept the invitation of President George W. Bush and join the Republican ticket as his running mate, as Bush seeks re-election in 2004.

Can you say, 'Acting Gov. Kerry Murphy Healey'? Now that's going to be a show.

► Jack Grady is assistant editor of the *Townsmen*. Have a comment on this column? Send it to: <jack@andovertownsmen.com>.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them; but do not let them master you. Let them teach you patience, sweetness, insight.

HELEN KELLER

The difference between a goal and a dream is the written word.

GENE DONOHUE

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

We miss a lot in life because we don't know when to quit, what to leave out.

ETHEL WATERS

Advertising is the morality play of our time, in which images representative of who we think we are act out our shifting and contradictory sense of what we think we're doing.

CECELIA HOLLAND

Progress was all right. Only it went on too long.

JAMES THURBER

A wonderful dream, a fantasy incarnate, fiction completes us, mutilated beings burdened with the awful dichotomy of having only one life and the ability to desire a thousand.

MARIO VARGAS LLOSA

The friend is the man who knows all about you, and still likes you.

ELBERT HUBBARD

The quick one may not win; the enduring one will.

TSWANAN PROVERB

The JFK quotation:

There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

Best quotation sent:

Never take No for an answer. Never submit to failure.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones at right.

The Thursday File will offer just one more week of John F. Kennedy quotations. Readers are invited to vote for a new person to be quoted each week. People can vote or see a list of the top 10 finalists as of this week at <www.hudsonvanloo.ca/t/number10spot/index.html>.

OBITUARIES

Margaret M. Chambers

Retired medical researcher was sister of town moderator

Margaret M. (Doherty) Chambers, 94, of Philadelphia, Pa. and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Born on Harding Street in Andover in 1908, she was affectionately known as "Marbie" by her family. She graduated from Emmanuel College.

She was chief research technician at the Neuropathology Research Center in Philadelphia.

For many years she was a medical researcher at Harvard Medical School and at the Carolinska Institute of Stockholm, Sweden.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her husband, Dr. Richard A. Chambers, the former chairman of the neurology department and vice dean of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital; two brothers, Joseph B. Doherty Sr. of Andover and Andover town moderator James D. Doherty Sr.; 14 nieces and nephews, and 14 grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, John P. S. Doherty and William A. Doherty, for whom the Doherty Middle School in Andover was named; and a sis-

ter, Winifred Doherty

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Burial was in St. Augustine's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Gertrude Pelletier

Retired from Lucent

Gertrude (Croteau) Pelletier, 81, of Haverhill, died Sunday, Nov. 17 at Penacook Place in Haverhill.

Born and raised in Andover, she graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Lawrence.

Mrs. Pelletier retired from Lucent Technologies in North Andover after 30 years. She was active in the YMCA in Andover, North Andover, and Haverhill.

Members of her family include her husband, Wilfred Pelletier of Atkinson, N.H.; a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Sharon Pelletier of Atkinson; a brother, Herve Croteau of Salem, N.H.; a sister, Theresa Higham of Lawrence; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert L. Pelletier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Penacook Place, 150 Water St., Haverhill, MA 01830.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. Burial was in West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

Lorraine R. DiGiovanni

Longtime co-owner of Cedar Crest Restaurant

Lorraine R. (Dolan) DiGiovanni, 83, of Andover, died Wednesday, Nov. 13 at her home.

Born in Lawrence, she attended city schools and graduated from Lawrence High.

She and her husband owned the Cedar Crest Restaurant on Broadway in Lawrence for 59 years.

She attended the former St. Francis Church and also St. Mary's Church, both in Lawrence. She was a lifelong resident of Greater Lawrence.

She enjoyed animals. Members of her family include her husband of 59 years, Rosario "Sully" DiGiovanni; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Donald J. DiGiovanni, who died in 1990.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, 205 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841; or to Hospice of Merrimack Valley, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence MA 01843.

There were no calling hours. Arrangements were by Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-

DEATHS

Isabel A. Ballard, 82
Carol A. Bannon, 60
Philip L. Bedard, 75
Sister Catherine Burke, 96
Margaret M. Chambers
Lorraine R. DiGiovanni, 83
Joseph H. Dubois, 82
Robert J. Libby, 56
Claire C. McDonald, 74
Gertrude Pelletier, 81
Dr. William Rosensweig, 92

Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence.

Claire C. McDonald

Retired from Raytheon after 33 years

Claire C. (Barry) McDonald, 74, of Andover died Tuesday, Nov. 19 at her home.

Born in Lowell, she was a quality inspector with Raytheon for 33 years. She retired in 1990.

She was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Andover.

Members of her family include her husband, William V. McDonald of Andover; three

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BALLARD - Isabel A. Ballard, 82, of Needham, died Monday, Nov. 11 after a short illness. Members of her family include her daughter, Leslie, of Andover.

BANNON - Carol A. (Lawton) Bannon, 60, of Lawrence, died Saturday Nov. 16, at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of her family include her cousin, Judy Perry of Andover.

BEDARD - Philip L. Bedard, 75, of Methuen, died at Holy Family Hospital after a lengthy illness. Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Charles Will of Andover.

BURKE - Sister Catherine Louise Burke, 96, of Caldwell, N.J. died Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Mountside Hospital in Glen Ridge, N.J. Members of her

family include her sister-in-law, Marguerite A. Burke of Andover.

DUBOIS - Joseph H. Dubois, 82, of Methuen, died Thursday, Nov. 14 at Holy Family Hospital. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Margaret Dubois of Andover.

ROSENSWEIG - Dr. William Rosensweig, 92, of Boca Raton, Fla., and formerly of Dunmore and Kingston, Pa. died Sunday, Nov. 17 at Donnelly Place, Palm Beach, Florida. Members of his family include his son, Cantor Donn Rosensweig of Temple Emanuel in Andover, daughter-in-law, Ruth Rosensweig, and grandsons, Matthew and Daniel Rosensweig, all of Andover.

daughters, Susan and husband Thomas Silva of Dracut, Rosemary McKenzie of Lowell and Karen McAvoy of North Andover; a son, Robert Whelton of Lowell; two stepchildren, Frances McDonald of Pelham, N.H., and Cathy DeCola and her husband, James, of North Reading; a sister, Joan Migneault of Nashua, N.H.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Salvation Army, 250 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01840.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Nov. 21 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 22 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Tewksbury.

RELIGION NEWS

Free Christian Church will host Andover's annual interfaith Thanksgiving celebration Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Spiritual leaders of the Andover faith communities will also participate.

The service will consist of hymns, readings, prayers and sermon by the **Rev. Jeffrey Gill** from Christ Church.

All are invited to come in this spirit of thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Andover Community Thanksgiving Service, attendees will be welcomed in the church rotunda for refreshments and fellowship.

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An interfaith service of Thanksgiving, featuring the guest chorus, Sharing a New Song, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in **Cochran Chapel** at **Phillips Academy**. The public is invited for a service of story, music, prayer and message with this world-traveling music group.

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On Saturday evening, Nov. 23, **SouthWinds** and **Phillips Academy** will offer a worship service of "Community Thanksgiving."

The service will be held at 6 p.m. in **Cochran Chapel** on the Phillips Academy Campus.

This service, led by Phillips Academy chaplain **Mike Ebner**, will offer thanks for the diversity of our communities' spiritual traditions and celebrate the way those diverse traditions enrich our community and the human spirit.

Music for the service will feature the

gospel/folk chorus "Sharing A New Song." Sharing A New Song uses choral music to celebrate the human spirit. Based in Greater Boston, the group was originally formed in the early 1980s to foster cultural understanding and citizen diplomacy between the US and the former Soviet Union. Since then the group has made many trips to Russia and in recent years has traveled to music festivals in South Africa, Europe, China, Cuba, and the US. In reaching across cultural boundaries to other counties, as well as the United States, Sharing A New Song engages in a variety of musical exchange activities that promote intercultural understanding and lasting relationships, organizers said.

This will be the third year that the **South Church SouthWinds** program and **Phillips Academy** have offered this Thanksgiving service to the community.

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Temple Emanuel Sisterhood plans a Hanukkah party this Sunday, Nov. 24 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per family and includes entertainment by Jon Nelson, fun for all ages, with music, face-painting, holiday crafts, and bagels and latkes.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road. For more information, call 978-470-1356.

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, for many brings back fond memories of childhood years and serves to renew a sense of identity. The Hanukkah lights provide warmth, joy, strength and inspiration. This

is the purpose of a community-wide celebration to be held at **West Middle School**, 70 Shawshen Road, this Hanukkah.

The **Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation** joins **Chabad Lubavitch - Jewish Center of Merrimack Valley** in inviting the entire community to celebrate the Festival of Lights at the third annual Hanukkah Wonderland celebration, which will take place Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets purchased by Nov. 27 are \$5 per person, or \$6.50 at the door. Crafts have an additional cost.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Chabad Lubavitch at 978-470-2288 or e-mail <Chabad.mv@verizon.net>.

Congregation Tifereth Israel of Andover, at 501 South Main St., announced that tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. it will hold a "Tot Shabbat" service, designed for pre-school through primary-grade children. The service includes songs and stories for the whole family.

A light buffet dinner precedes the service; RSVP is appreciated.

Tot Shabbats are held once each month; December's will be held Dec. 13.

The service is open to the public. Contact Sandra, the coordinator, at 978-474-4312 or send her e-mail at <dorros@attbi.com>.

Congregation Tifereth Israel is a modern, progressive Conservative Jewish congregation serving Andover and surrounding communities.

'Rev. Dr. Mom': Unorthodox Methodist pastor honored Sunday

■ **REV. CYNTHIA GOOD**

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she will wait until her children are ready. "I never have a five-year plan. Who knows what that will

look like? Something will happen," said Good.

She will go with the flow. "I always said I'd have my orders laminated on a Frisbee, so when I

had to turn them in I'd just toss them," she said. Asked what she had planned for the Sunday service, which takes place at 10:30 a.m., she says there will be some

dancers, a junior choir and she might hand out some sculpty clay.

"It's only Monday," she said.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, November 21

Theatre, produced by Andover High School Drama Club. *Les Miserables*, the school edition, \$15, 7:30 p.m., the Collins Center; for more information call: 978-623-8666.

Talk, the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association, hosts *HIPAA's New Privacy Rules*, speaker Shelly Costantino from Schwartz Hannum PC, an Andover law firm, 8-10 a.m., Wyndham Andover Hotel, Old River Road, call for ticket information: 978-686-0900.

Jewelry workshop, the Stevens Memorial Library presents a jewelry workshop with Pat Minasian, free, at 7 p.m., ages 12 and up, create your own piece of jewelry, Library Meeting Room, 345 Main St. North Andover, registration required call: 978-688-9505.

Theatre, Pentucket Players present *Funny Girl*, a benefit for the Quota Club of Andover, \$15 opening night, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, group rates available: 978-521-9259.

Live music, Bari Koral, sponsored by the student programming board, free, 7 p.m., in the Campus Center Den, Merrimack College, North Andover.

Author talk, Jay Atkinson, author of *Ice Time: A Tale of Fathers, Sons and Hometown Heroes*, book signing to follow, free, 7 p.m., Nevins Memorial Hall Library, Methuen, tickets required call: 978-686-4080, Ext. 16.

Fundraiser, DECA chapter of Tewksbury High School presents a fashion show *Steppin' Out in Style*, to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, \$7, 7 p.m., in the high school auditorium, for more information call: 978-777-0333.

Talk, sponsored by Life Long Learning Program, comedian David Rattigan will discuss concepts of comedy, \$1, 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, conference area of the Bentley Library, Haverhill campus; Carol Duhart 978-556-3825.

Storytellers night, stop in and tell a story, 8-10 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill: 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Live music, Ina May Wool, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell, call for ticket information: 978-453-5755, <www.caposfolk.com>.

Friday, November 22

Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Methuen Historical Society, Premiere Night, food, drinks and live music, unveiling of decorated trees, Connie Awards, \$6, 7-11 p.m., the Red Tavern, Masonic Lodge and Tenney Gate House, runs daily through Nov. 30, \$6, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., all on Pleasant Street in downtown Methuen.



SouthWinds and Phillips Academy will offer a worship service of community Thanksgiving this Saturday evening, Nov. 23

Live music, Doherty Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Julie Diehl, a Thanksgiving program, featuring eighth grade soloists, Emily Arai and Marina Warsaw, Fan, free, 1:30 p.m. Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.

Story swap, come tell a story (10-minute limit) in celebration of Tellabration, the International Night of Story, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143

La Leche League of Andover will meet locally, 10 a.m., mothers with their nursing babies and mothers-to-be are welcome; for directions to the meeting, call Kim (978-682-9717) or Lynn (978-475-5160).

Shabbat Service, the Congregation Tifereth Israel of Andover hosts Tot Shabbat, a service for pre-school through primary grade children, 6:30 p.m., all are welcome, 501 S. Main St., please RSVP; Sandra 978-474-4312, <dorros@attbi.com>.



Lorica Artworks at 1 Elm Square presents Home for the Holidays, a show of Irish works, from now through Dec. 12. Call 978-470-1829 for more information.

Kevin Knox, Scott Carney, Tim Kaelin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Holiday craft fair, shop for gifts and get your photo taken with Santa, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., proceeds benefit individuals served by CLASS Inc., 48A Main St., North Reading.

Live music, with Danielle Miraglia, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill: 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Traveling memorial, World Trade Center Traveling Memorial, opening ceremonies 3:30-4 p.m., open from 4-8 p.m., Middlesex Community College, Lowell Campus Cafeteria, Lowell.

Les Miserables, see Nov. 21 entry. *Funny Girl*, \$20, see Nov. 21 entry.

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Heroic undertaking: Andover High first in state to attempt *Les Mis*

Students put on finishing touches for tonight's big opening

By Ben Hellman

Students, teachers and a seeming multitude of parents and volunteers are scrambling to ready the massive musical undertaking *Les Miserables* at Andover High School.

Andover's *Les Mis*, one of the first amateur productions of the Broadway mega-musical in the state, opens tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center.

Students move from notes to stage to audience in an unending dance. They are engaged in the hurry-up-and-wait of a first full-blown run-through. Sound, lights, make-up and costumes – not to mention an 18-piece student orchestra – are being integrated for the first time in a necessarily plodding manner.

A horde of students dressed as impoverished 19th century French peasants make their way from the stage back to make-up. The stage dirt on their faces is disappearing under the stage lights.

"They need to be dirtier," shouts director Susan Sepich.

"Oh, God," says AHS graduate and volunteer in charge of make-up and costumes, Susan Gagne. Gagne's hands are already so dirty she can't touch her face without the brown make-up rubbing off on herself.

Students snatch time to break out sandwiches and sit down once the start-and-stop performance begins. A peasant girl wanders down the hallway with



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Inspector Javert (Jeff Smidt) warns the convict Jean Valjean (Dale Spolett) that if Valjean breaks bail, he will hunt him down.

a cell phone. She is telling her parents when to expect her – probably not before 9 p.m.

The same is true for Shawheen second-grader Devon Caveney, the youngest cast member, who plays young Cos-

sette. She is taking time to do handwriting homework while the older students get ready to start the show. "We do homework here, we eat here, we live here," said mom Joann Caveney.

When the orchestra sounds its opening notes, the stage crew is also tested for one of the first times. Student Justin Cherny's arms bulge as he strains at the pulley system that moves the 24-foot turntable, a recreation from the show's Broadway production. "It's heavy," said Cherny. But it isn't until the weight of the large barricade set piece and a chorus of students playing fallen soldiers are resting on it that Cherny really works. "That's when I grunt a lot," he says, grinning.

The set is a black hulking beast that includes the turntable, a barricade students will climb and fight on, and a two-story bridge that senior Jeff Smidt will jump from when his character, Javert, commits suicide by jumping into the Seine.

"It's just an unreal experience," says Smidt, who is also

student body president.

But it isn't just students who are excited. Music director and former student Jennifer D'Onofrio remembers when *Les Mis* first opened and says she would have died to perform the show when she was in high school. When *Les Miserables* opened on Broadway in 1986 it sparked off a whole generation of devoted fans who knew the album cover to cover. "I think (the students) are too young to realize," said D'Onofrio. When she tells her theater friends what show the high school is doing, they respond with disbelief, then they tell her they want to sing in the show. D'Onofrio understands completely.

"I want to be on stage," she said.

Retired teacher Doug Halsted has worked on all but two AHS productions since 1968. "As a producer, this is the most exciting thing I've ever done. It's just more fun and more fun and more fun."



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Eileen Parsons (as Fantine) clutches a letter sent to her warning that her daughter is sick and needs money for medicine.

Show-stopper of a tree top has Andover ties

Last year her eagle-size patriotic tree-topper wowed the judges and earned first-place honors in the tree-topper category.

Linda Costello is at it again this year. But instead of patriotism she has turned to the smooth sounds of Frank Sinatra for inspiration. A take on his song, *Dreams Can Come True...They Can Happen to You*, is the theme of Costello's tree top that is featured in this year's Festival of Trees being held in Methuen. The popular event features 150 holiday trees and Costello's contribution always has a place there. Costello, who teaches cosmetology at Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover and is also a hair stylist at Point of View in downtown Andover, said her colorful design is once again a show-stopper.

"It has taken up most of my dining room table for the past three weeks," she laughed.

Several students helped her work on this year's creation.

Viewers can see Costello's tree and all the others at this year's festival.

Festival of Trees will be held once again in downtown



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From left, Kimberly Ibell, Shannon Molloy and Linda Costello pose with their tree-topper for this year's Festival of Trees in Methuen. Last year, Costello created an attention-getting topper for the show as well.

Methuen in three buildings: the Red Tavern function facility, the Masonic Lodge and the Tenney Gatehouse, all of which are within walking distance of one another. The Festi-

val runs from Saturday, Nov. 23 to Saturday, Nov. 30. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closing at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$6.

The Festival is not open on

Thanksgiving Day.

For more information, call 978-685-8878 or go to <www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com>

—Judy Wakefield



The Andover Choral Society presents Tidings of Great Joy: A Celebration of Christmas with conductor Allen Combs on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish in North Andover. For more information, see page 15.

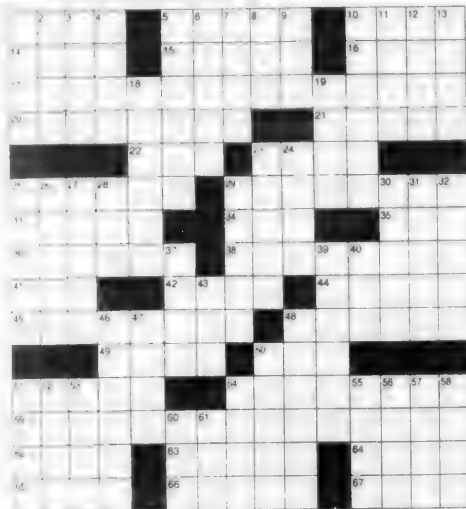
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stake
5. Seaport in Cameroon
10. Adam and Eve's third son
14. Judges' journey
15. Implant
16. Developer of sign language
17. Flowering plant
20. Nightingale, for example
21. Imperial decree
22. Drink
23. Foot
25. Whale
29. Nodule or swelling, esp. a lesion characteristic of tuberculosis
33. Type genus of the Laridae
34. Limonite, for example
35. Respectful, abbr.
36. Becomes
38. Type of motor
41. Raincoat
42. Soft-finned fishes
44. Claudio Chilean pianist
45. Sparid fishes
48. Polished
49. Enter upon
50. East northeast
51. Allegheny plums
54. Gets excited
59. Christmas request
62. Lake, one of the Great
63. Carry out systematically

CLUES DOWN

64. Puerto
65. Anglo Norman poet c.1170
66. Makes a choice
67. Arthur tennis champ
1. Dried leaves of the hemp plant
2. Bird genus
3. Algerian city
4. Patty golfer
5. Offers resistance
6. Shade
7. In bed
8. Permit
9. Internal secretion
10. Searcher
11. Displacement unit
12. Placements
13. Pigment
18. Blind
19. Clare Booth American writer
23. Brazilian river
24. Encourage
25. Negative remarks
26. Gue, a tirade
27. Chilean seaport
28. Type genus of the Muridae



29. Slaves
30. Lake algae
31. Navigational device
32. Render able
37. Visionary
39. Most inhospitable
40. Shape into a sphere
43. Sea eagle
46. Flycatcher
47. El Texas town
48. Coalesces
50. Max Dadaist painter
51. Merganser
52. Constellation
53. About ear
54. Swine
55. Biu-Mandara
56. Flower arrangements
57. Make into a print
58. Apparel
60. TV is transmitted at 30
61. Letter of the alphabet

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Saturday, November 23

Storyteller, Starbucks hosts Andover StoryWeaver, Nicolette Heavey, 4-6 p.m., Starbucks, Main Street.

Interfaith Service, of Thanksgiving, featuring guest chorus. Sharing a New Song, 6:30 p.m., public is invited for a service of story, music, prayer and message, Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy.

Craft fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., First Calvary Baptist Church, Rte. 125, North Andover.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Scott Carney, Tim Kaelin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, Atwater-Donnelly, traditional American and Celtic folk, \$10-12, 8 p.m., The Ivy Chord Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; 781-944-9394 or 781-229-9394, <www.uureading.org>.

Live music, New Moon Coffee-house, presents, Kevin So, Dean Stevens, Joyce Anderson, Lorraine and Bennett Hammond, \$15, box office opens 6:30 p.m., show 8 p.m., tickets at Andover Bookstore, Unitarian Universalist Church in Haverhill, Rtes. 110 and 125, for information call: 978-373-9259.

Book fair, the Merrimack Valley

Hebrew Academy is hosting its annual Chanuka Melaveh Malka, 6:45 p.m., performances by students, Judaic and Secular book fair, Montefiore Synagogue, 460 Westford St., Lowell, for more information call: 978-452-6842.

Auditions, Merrimack Valley Players, is auditioning for a childrens musical *Just So*, prepare a song to show your range, starting at 9:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Lawrence Street, Methuen, call for an appointment; (603)-893-6226.

Artist reception, watercolors by artist Valerie Borgal, 2-6 p.m., Art Gallery at the Boxford Village Library, Boxford, for more information call: 978-887-7323.

Film, best of the Boston Underground Film Festival, \$8, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Live music, with Roll and Tumble, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Holiday fair, Pawtucket Congregational Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 15 Mammoth Rd., Lowell.

Rug hooking, the Mayflower Chapter of the Association of Traditional Rug Hooking Artists, 10 a.m., Reading Municipal Light Company, Ash Street, Reading; 089887-7348.

Church craft fair, admission \$1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Catherine of

Alexandria's Church, 107 N. Main St., Westford; 978-692-6365.

Holiday fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., New England Pediatric Care, 78 Boston Rd., North Billerica; 978-667-5123.

Les Miserables, see Nov. 21 entry.

Funny Girl, \$20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., see Nov. 21 entry.

World Trade Center Traveling Memorial, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., see Nov. 22 entry.

Sunday, November 24

Bread Service, Thanksgiving Bread Communion, annual celebration of heritage and harvest, service lead by Rev. Deborah Mero, 10:30 a.m., all are welcome, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Andover, 6 Locke St.

Chanukah Party, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Chanukah Party, \$15 family, 12:30-2:30 p.m., entertainment by Jon Nelson, music, face painting, holiday crafts, bagels and latkes, open to everyone, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggitts Pond Road, for more information, call: 978-470-135.

Slide lecture, Raymond Potvin of Andover, historian, archaeologist, author, will lecture on his book, *The Scalp Hunters: Abenaki Ambush at Lovewell Pond-1725*, free, 2 p.m., book signing to follow, Lawrence Heritage State Park, Visitor Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-749-1655.

Theater, Acting Out presents an original musical put together by student six to 11 years old, cast has children from many communities including Andover, free, 4 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church Auditorium, 72 Elm St., North Andover, for more information call: 978-683-7798.

Live music, Essex Chamber Music Players presents, music by 19th century composer Carl Czerny and 18th century David Popper, \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students, 4 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Library Conference Area, Haverhill Campus, for more information call: 978-556-3413.

Les Miserables, 2 p.m., see Nov. 21 entry.

World Trade Center Traveling Memorial, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., see Nov. 22 entry.

Monday, November 25

No scheduled events.

Tuesday, November 26

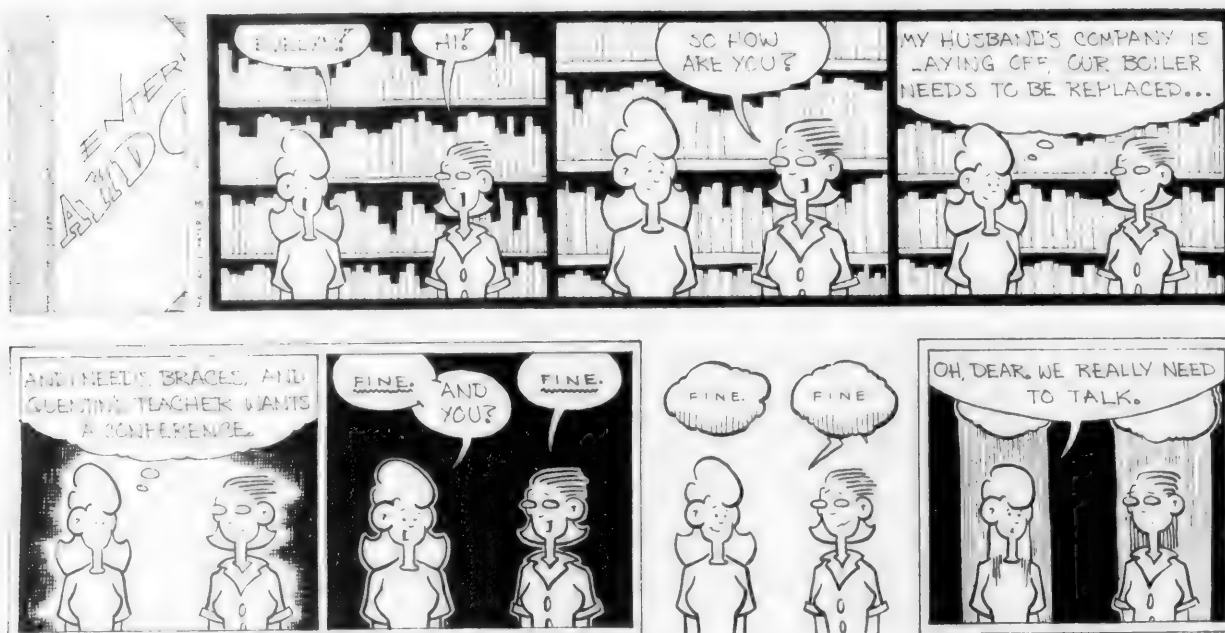
Live jazz, with the Ferdinando Argenti Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$10, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

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Live music. Revision featuring Jason Pratt. \$3. 10 p.m., the Claddagh, Lawrence.

Thursday, November 28

Feaster Five. hosted by Merrimack Valley Striders. Kid's K 8 a.m., 5 K run and walk 8:30 a.m., 5-mile run and walk, 8:30 a.m., \$22, \$25 after Nov. 24, race day entries accepted, for more information call: Dave McGilivray Sports Enterprises, Inc. 978-774-3842, <www.feaster-five.com>.

Road Race. Alternative House first annual Thanks-for-Giving road race, \$15. 8 a.m., all proceeds benefit Alternative House's transitional housing program. Lowell Lodge Elks, Old Ferry Road, Lowell for more information call: 978-937-5777.

Andover High Thanksgiving Day Varsity Football Game. Andover Golden Warriors hosting Central Catholic High School, \$5 admission 10 a.m. kick-off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawshen Rd.; call Jim Hurley for discounted student tickets 978-623-8570.

Friday, November 29

The 20th Annual Scott Heseltine Mite 1 Invitational Hockey Tournament. hosted by the Andover Hockey Association in memory of Scott Heseltine, this tournament is dedicated to promoting good sportsmanship, camaraderie and fun for young hockey players. This year the Andover Mite 1 team hosts teams from North Andover, Methuen, Masconomet, North Reading, Danvers, Beverly and Marblehead, free 3:30 p.m., Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink, teams welcome the support of their fans, for more information; call Ed Oteri 978-475-3911.

Live music. with Anderson, Gram duo, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Theater. The Drama Guild of St. John's Preparatory School presents *The Laramie Project*, with Andover student Carlos Apostle, a look at how the town of Laramie, Wyoming responded to the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student. \$8, \$6 seniors and students, 7:30 p.m., Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers; call for tickets and more information; 978-774-1050, Ext. 377.

Craft show. Castleberry Faire, 300 juried crafts people, \$5, under 14

free, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington, for more information call: 603-755-2166, <www.castleberryfaire.com>.

Live comedy. Dick Doherty, Paul Keenan, Andy Wasif, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, November 30

Reunion. Andover High Class of 1977. 25 year reunion, \$40, 7-12 p.m., buffet and dancing, Old Town Hall, Main Street, call: Phil Nardone 978-474-1900 Ext. 250.

Gallery reception. Holiday Group Show, 3-6 p.m., the Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Live comedy. Dick Doherty, Paul Keenan, Andy Wasif, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music. with Kate Redgrave and Friends, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

The 20th Annual Scott Heseltine Mite 1 Invitational Hockey Tournament. 11:50 a.m., see Nov. 29 entry.

Castleberry Faire. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see

Nov. 29 entry.

The Laramie Project. see Nov. 29 entry.

Sunday, December 1

Brickstone Christmas Tree Lighting. 13th anniversary, the annual lighting of "the nation's tallest Christmas tree," located at Brickstone Square in Andover, 5:45, tree lighting is at 6 p.m., the Methuen High School Band will provide music; refreshments will be provided; Santa's Village, also located at Brickstone Square, opens after the tree lighting and will be open until 9 p.m., Hours for Santa's Village (includes a carousel, petting zoo and costumed characters) are Fridays 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 6-9 p.m., through Dec. 24, weather permitting. In addition, the tree is a designated drop-off location for Toys for Tots; Brickstone Tree hotline: 978-749-3008.

Chanukah Party. the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation and Chabad Lubavitch host the third annual Chanukah Wonderland, \$5-6.50, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., aerobics show, live animal show, food and more, everyone is welcome. West Middle School, 70 Shawshen Rd.

Open house. Shakti Yoga & Healing Arts, 1-6 p.m., 11 School St. Chelmsford; 978-251-1001.

<www.shaktimoves.com>.

Bagels and Art. Margo's Gallery, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 52 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-373-0200, <www.margosgallery.com>.

The 20th Annual Scott Heseltine

Mite 1 Invitational Hockey Tournament. 8:20 a.m., see Nov. 29 entry.

Castleberry Faire. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Nov. 29 entry.

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Andover Choral Society to celebrate Christmas

The Andover Choral Society will celebrate the Christmas season with a joyful concert of traditional hymns and carols. Tidings of Great Joy will also include Charles - Camille Saint-Saens' *Oratorio de Noel* and *Over My Head*, a suite of carols and anthems written by Berlioz, Darke, Holst and Rutter, arranged by Allen Combs and sung in their native languages.

The Magnificat in C, written by Allen Combs for the Andover Choral Society and premiered at the last spring concert, is included by request in the Advent portion of the program. The *Oratorio* of Saint-Saens dates from 1858. It was most likely written for the choir of the famous

Madeleine Church in Paris, according to a release. It is one of this composer's earliest works to make use of the harp, an instrument which became almost an obsession in his later years.

An audience carol sing-along conducted by Allen Combs, music director, and accompanied by orchestra and soloists will add to the joy of the occasion.

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8 at St. Michael's Parish, 196 Main St., North Andover. Tickets are \$10, available at the door, or from a chorus member.

For more information, call 978-687-8225 or go to <www.andoverchoral.org>.

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**Ongoing
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Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.: Tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artists Series: *Assemblies in Magna*, through Dec. 22, 2002; *Selected Works from the Addison*, through Dec. 29, 2002, gallery hours Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.

Museum of Printing, 900 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover: Tea parties, color printing, equipment. SS. Andover Museum: *Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum*, 97 Main St., North Andover, 978-475-1200. *Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum*, 97 Main St., North Andover, 978-475-1200.

North Andover Historical Society, 180 N. Andover St., North Andover: *Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum*, 97 Main St., North Andover, 978-475-1200. *Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum*, 97 Main St., North Andover, 978-475-1200.

1715-1840. 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century. Museum archive. \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors. Johnson Cottage, 1000 Lae St., Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties. 978-475-4035.

American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell: Through March 23, *Reflections: American Dolls and the American Story*, a story about dolls and their history. More than 800 objects from 1810-present, collection of *Four Generations of Sewing Dolls*, photographs of *Dolls & Toys of American Childhood*. *A Doll's Life: Childhood*, interaction, *Playing With Puppets*, play area for *Play Dolls*, fiber and yarn samples for *Yarn Spinning*. Nov. 11-12, *The Legend of the Bluebird*, Nov. 13-14, *The Child Doll*, Dec. 14-15, *Modeling*, read in French. *Modeling*, dolls, invited Dec. 14-15, *Time Video*, Dec. 21-22, *The Nine*, *Child Doll*, a Polish take, museum hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible. 978-441-0400 or <www.atm.org>.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Blackson St., Lawrence, 978-685-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 489 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday, 978-388-0162.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 1-52 Main St., Wenham, 978-468-2277.

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, ongoing; The Saltonstall Family Portraits, ongoing; A Folk Art Sampler, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$19 adults, \$8 seniors, students, free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass. 978-745-9500 <www.pem.org>.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange

ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, current exhibitions *Trisha Brown Dance and Art in Dialogue, 1961-2001* through Jan. 5, 2003; *John O. Kelly, Assemblies in Magna*, through Dec. 22, 2002; *Selected Works from the Addison*, through Dec. 29, 2002, gallery hours Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.

Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.: Tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artist Series presents: Emily Treppas' *Speaking in Metaphors*. The Museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3; Elaine C. Zopes 978-475-2236 <www.andhist.org>.

Andover Fine Art of Andover, *Autumn*, artists, John Lundquist and Andy Newman, through Nov. 24, gallery hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St., Andover, 978-475-1013.

Town Manager's Offices, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town

Offices, 36 Bartlett St., 978-623-8200.

Essex Art Center, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence, 685-2343.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of*

the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only.

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McCoy Gallery, at Merrimack College, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Revolving Museum, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m./Sunday 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month series featuring water color artist Lorrain O'Brien, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400.

The Saltbox Gallery, Drawings by Christine Wilkinson, fine arts and crafts by 20 artists from the North Shore, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

Mingo Gallery, Paintings by Anna P. Haley and John P. Margolis, through Dec. 6, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly 978-927-5964.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4230.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, monographs by artist, Fay Grajower, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday is admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, 781-729-1158.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 <info@ayerlofts.com>.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

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North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

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Le Grand David magic company, 3 p.m., \$15 adults, \$10 children 11 and younger, every Sunday throughout 2002, new year's eve show 8 p.m., Cabot Street Cinema Theatre, Beverly; 978-927-3677.

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A Christmas Carol, Nov. 29-Dec. 22, \$25-\$35, children half-price, Thursdays 7:30 p.m.; Fridays 8 p.m.; Saturdays 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham, for tickets and more information call; 781-279-2200.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Nov. 8-Dec. 1, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings 8:30 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., \$26-\$37, The Amesbury Playhouse, Dinner Theatre and Function Room, The Valley Players, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Dinner with Friends, presented by Quannapowitt Players, Nov. 22, 23, 29, 30 and Dec. 1, 6, 7, 55 Hopkins St., Reading, call for ticket information; 781-942-2212, <www.qptheater.com>.

Meetings/Activities

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5002.

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Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

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Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002.

Al-Anon meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Route 38, Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, Sept. to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome, auditions are not required, rehearsals held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 978-687-8225.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, Kathy Kelley-Straube 978-470-1137.

BNI Business Network International, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; J. J. Zamierowski 603-382-0123.

Choral Arts Society, looking for all voice parts for Handel's Messiah, rehearsals Mondays, 7 p.m., under the direction of John Vincent Cice, for information and to audition call; Rick Seaman 603-382-5070 or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

Community men's chorus, The Men's Chorus of New England, newly formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

Drum and dance, rhythm instruction, third Friday of month, 7:30 p.m., free-form drumming and dancing, 8 p.m., some percussion instruments available for sharing or bring own, Unitarian Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Embroiders Guild of America, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959.

Exultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Female incest survivors, confidential meeting facilitated by sexual assault staff member at YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., 38 Lawrence St., Lawrence; Bonnie Bruno 978-687-0331.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Sts. Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St. Lowell; 978-441-6926.

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Education

41 new members of National Honor Society inducted at Andover High



National Honor Society inductees bearing candles file into a darkened Collins Center last Thursday.

LAST THURSDAY, Nov. 14, 41 students at Andover High were inducted into the National Honor Society. The ceremony took place in the Collins Center.

To be eligible for this honor, a faculty council must judge that the student represents the highest standards of scholarship, character, service and leadership.

"We are very proud that these students have achieved such excellence," said advisers Marcia Harol and Kathleen Zalla.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 75 percent of high schools in the US, they said.

Seniors inducted from the class of 2003

include Melissa Carpentier, David Hsu, Bristol Konjoian, Monica Ortiz and Cory Rillahan.

Juniors in the class of 2004 include Erin Arai, Sara Barnettler, Alyssa Bindman, Alison Caverly, Carolyn Cody, Kathryn Donoghue, Tim Dugan, Ryan Durkin, Rane Harrison, Lauren Hays, Matthew Hill, David Holstein, Andrew Ivanovich, Michael Kichorowsky, Jacob Kleinman, Tiffany Lin, Elizabeth Mancuso, Yasmin Mandviwala, Sarah Martin, Ashley McLaughlin, Christa Milley, Marsha Mogilevich, Mary Nolan, Holly Peterson, Mark Radlinski, Stephen Renfro, Daniel Rosensweig, Amy Stewart, Carly Therkel-son, Lindsey Timko, Christopher Travers, Lynette Twomey, Patrick Twomey, Lea Ventura, Amanda Wang and Katherine Yao.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Parents brainstorm to solve current dilemma with music

By Ben Hellman

Parent Charles Leinbach has seen it before. When Santa Monica, in his home state of California, unveiled its property reform bill, a precursor to Massachusetts' Proposition 2½, music in the schools was the first thing to go.

As in Andover, large cuts were made to the elementary instrumental program, leading to what Leinbach described as a class of "musically inept students."

The students didn't develop the motor skills they needed to become musicians, causing a ripple effect that moved through the schools.

Leinbach is one of several parents who met with school officials last Tuesday and continues to push for improvements to this year's program, which moved elementary instrumental music to a fee-based, after-school program.

"Santa Monica had one of the best marching bands in the state," he

said. When the musically undeveloped class reached middle-school age, the schools' middle-school jazz ensemble collapsed. "It just wasn't possible anymore," said Leinbach.

When parents such as Leinbach, a business consultant with an advanced degree in music composition, look at the drop of participation that occurred when elementary-school instrument lessons changed, they see trouble for Andover music.

The program has dropped two-thirds of its students, falling from 488 elementary students participating last year to 167 students participating this year. "If this continues for a couple of years, the ramifications in the music program will be felt for a decade," he said.

School officials lined up last week to answer for the elementary schools' decimated instrumental music program. Parents were pleased with the administration's

reaction to their request for a review - Superintendent Claudia Bach assembled all six of Andover's elementary principals, music administrator Diana Kolben and band and orchestra heads Joe Wright and Julie Diehl to answer for the program - but all parents who spoke during and after the meeting said that this was just a first step.

Bach has not yet said whether she will grant parents' requests to form a committee of music teachers and parents to find a solution to the current music difficulties.

Another suggestion not commented on by Bach or the School Committee at last week's meeting was put out by music staff and embraced by some parents.

The idea was a kick-start program that would allow first-year musicians to try out an instrument for free for just a couple of weeks during school hours. Parents say that investing in an instrument and lessons for a third-grader can be a big gamble.

The opportunity to try out an instrument out could lead to more children taking lessons, some argue.



National Honor Society inductee Yasmin Mandviwala receives a congratulatory hug from adviser Sally O'Brien.

CLASS REUNIONS

AHS class of '97

Andover High School class of 1997 plans a reunion Saturday, Dec. 28 from 7 p.m. to midnight at One Mill Street, Lawrence.

For tickets or more information, contact Brian Tishert at 978-689-9200.

AHS class of '92

The AHS class of 1992's 10th reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 29 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Tickets cost \$50 per person. RSVP to Rich Radulski at 617-241-2941, or Meghan O'Brien at 508-699-5745. Make checks payable to Meghan O'Brien, 26 Wisteria Drive, Plainville, MA 02762.

St. Augustine School class of '83

St. Augustine's class of 1983 is planning a reunion next summer.

Committee members Sally (Park) Francis, Jane Billings, Juliette (Martel) Wilke and Karen (Soucy) Forni, are looking for volunteers to help spread the word to other classmates.

If members of the class have information about classmates, even a last known address, they are asked to contact Sally at 978-623-0974 or <cubsmommy@aol.com>, or Jane at 978-689-2505 or <jebillings@netze.ro.net>.

AHS class of '82

The Andover High class of 1982 plans to hold its 20th reunion Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road. The \$45 event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with a buffet and dancing.

Contact Glenn Aceard at 978-688-8644, or Jane (LoBuglio) Marks at 603-487-3840.

AHS class of '78

The AHS class of 1978 announces the formation of its 25th Reunion Committee, planning next year's event. The reunion will be held Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003.

Chairperson Ann Gudger McDade is looking for volunteers to help spread the word to other classmates.

E-mail <AHS1978@aol.com> with classmates' e-mail address. Organizers also ask members of the class to register at <classmates.com> to assist in the invitation process.

AHS class of '77

The Andover High class of 1977 plans to hold its 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 30 at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

The \$40 event runs from 7 p.m. to midnight, with a buffet and dancing.

Contact Phil Nardone at 978-474-1900, Ext. 250.

AHS class of '72

Andover High School class of 1972 will hold its 30th year class reunion Saturday evening, Nov. 30 at the Phillips Academy Log Cabin. For more information, contact Gretchen Tarbox Harb at 978-475-4386, or e-mail <Gammv434@aol.com>.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Nov. 25-29:

Elementary schools

Monday: Rotini with meat sauce, hot dog on a roll, pizza stick with soft pretzel, carrots, pears and milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with stuffing, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, mashed potato, corn, cranberry sauce, milk and apple crisp.

Wednesday: Early Release - No Lunches Served.

Thursday: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

Friday: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Rotini with meat sauce, two hot dogs on a roll, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, pears and milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with stuffing, stuffed crust pizza, mashed potato, corn, cranberry sauce, milk and apple crisp. Lucky tray day.

Wednesday: Early Release - No Lunches Served.

Thursday: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

Friday: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

Secondary schools

Monday: Cheeseburger with fries, stuffed crust pizza, macaroni and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Roast turkey with potato stuffing, corn and cranberry sauce, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, fruit, veggie, milk and apple crisp.

Wednesday: Early Release - No Lunches Served.

Thursday: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

Friday: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

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Business



Nia Ahern, owner of Blue Cow on Barnard Street, gets wrapped up in mink.



Patty Miske in a black mink with chinchilla collar and cuffs from Dino Furs.

Munch, mingle and mink event connects downtown businesswomen

By Judy Wakefield

THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON is in full swing and a small group of downtown businesswomen teamed up to spread this phrase last week — skip the mall.

They want shoppers to hit Andover's Main Street for their shopping needs. Four downtown businesses sponsored a low-key munch, mingle and mink event for customers last Thursday night at the Blue Cow on Barnard Street. Blue Cow was joined by Dino Furs, KaBloom, and Irresistibles, a women's clothing store. All three of those businesses are located on Main Street.

"Supporting downtown is what this is all about," said Michelle Santell, a manager at

Irresistibles. "Downtown is so close for people. We just want to let people know about what we have."

"It's a bloc of downtown businesses that support one another and we thought this was a good way to get the word out about us," added Nia Ahern, who owns Blue Cow.

She arranged a lavish spread of complimentary nibble goodies and set aside space for local caterer John Martin of A Hot Dish! Catering. He was offering samples of tuna tartar, fresh ahi tuna and punzu marinade with wasabi aioli in a fried wonton.

Customers munched and mingled, and then the modeling started.

Dressed in fall and holiday fashions, models from Irresistibles showed off samples of the store's collections including black lace pants, holiday sweaters, faux Fendi handbags, and faux fur jackets.

But when Dino Furs took over, there was nothing faux about their product. The store's cognac-colored and black mink coats were definitely the real thing with real prices. A black mink with chinchilla collar and cuffs was among the modeled goods.



Allison Wittbold, 17, of Andover, wears a sponge fur jacket from Irresistibles.

"We are busy and it's great."

ELLEN LEE OF KABLOOM

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Flowers from KaBloom decorated the tables while the florist's owner Ellen Lee talked about the strength of running a business on Andover's Main Street. A solid customer base exists, she said, and the downtown demand for flowers has prompted her to be open on Sundays. Many KaBloom franchises are not.

"We are busy and it's great," she said.

Her comments were not surprising to Steve Colyer, Andover's planning director. He said the downtown retail district is strong and that says something.

"So many communities lose their downtown focus. Those (downtown) merchants work hard to keep what they have," he said, noting that Andover has steered clear of strip malls, preferring a downtown retail district instead.

That strategy works for these businesswomen.

Ahern enjoys seeing familiar faces in her store. But, of course, is always looking for more. Hosting such an event is one way to do it, she said.



Local caterer John Martin of A Hot Dish! offered customers fresh punzu marinade with wasabi aioli in a fried wonton.



Michelle Santell of Irresistibles wears a mink from Dino Furs over an outfit from her Main Street store.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

It's official: 'Four-peat' for swimmers

Lady Warriors set 2 new records, swamp 24-team field in winning state meet for the 4th time

By Rick Harrison

Four and counting. Capts. Connie Brown and Holly Hinds capped their illustrious high school swim careers in the best possible way, each winning two individual events and competing on two victorious relays, as the Andover High girls rolled to their fourth straight MIAA State Championship Meet team title before a boisterous crowd at Wellesley College's Chandler Natatorium.

Once again showing unparalleled excellence and dominance, the Lady Warriors placed first in nine of 12 events, swept all three relay races, set two new state records and made themselves a 24-team qualifying field to register the 'four-peat.'

AHS also had a glimpse into its future as freshman Caitlin Doherty won the first of what should be many individual state titles, while senior Lauren Harlow also picked up an individual triumph.

The locals' 345 points were more than double the total of runner-up Acton-Boxboro, a distant 189 behind with 186.

A-B is the only other school in the history of the girls state swim meet to win four consecutive titles.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

"I don't think there's a team out there from another part of the state that can challenge us," Andover coach Marilyn Fitzgerald had said after the North Sectional Meet two weeks ago. "No one can match our depth."

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Top 12 Score

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Candice Peak, Amy Caron, Lauren Harlow & Holly Hinds 1:49.17 (meet & state record)

200 FREE: 2. Caitlin Doherty 1:55.95, 3. Caitlin Geary 1:56.93, 4. Lauren Harlow 1:59.48

200 IM: 1. Lauren Harlow 2:08.79, 2. Diana Harlow 2:13.60, 3. Amy Caron 2:15.77, 4. Jackie Leary 2:22.03

50 FREE: 1. Connie Brown 23.96, 2. Liz Mancuso 24.70, 3. Lauren Harlow 25.14, 4. Jackie Leary 25.69

1-METER DIVING: 12. Ann Marie Cashman 25.14, 13. Casey Frost 19.14, 14. Libby Fortier 18.14

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Caitlin Doherty 58.52, 2. Lauren Harlow 1:03.77, 3. Monika Eghbalian 1:04.44, 4. Liz Pallotta 1:05.86

100 FREE: 3. Liz Mancuso 54.83, 4. Candice Peak 55.80 (meet & state record), 5. Lauren Harlow 56.89

500 FREE: 1. Holly Hinds 4:39.29, 2. Caitlin Geary 5:19.66, 3. Lauren Harlow 5:19.66, 4. Jackie Leary 5:19.66

200 FREE RELAY: 1. Caitlin Doherty, Candice Peak, Caitlin Geary & Lauren Harlow 1:40.40

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Lauren Harlow 56.80 (meet & state record), 2. Candice Peak 56.89

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Holly Hinds 1:08.24, 2. Amy Caron 1:10.40

100 FREE RELAY: 1. Lauren Harlow, Caitlin Geary, Lauren Harlow & Lauren Harlow 3:34.85

Note: *Fourth straight All-State title for Andover.



The 2002 Andover High Lady Warriors, state champion girls swim and dive team.

Those words couldn't have been more prophetic.

All-State Meet

Brown raced to her victories in the 50 yard free sprint and 100 backstroke, breaking her own three-year-old record in the latter event by finishing in 55.80 seconds (old mark 56.23 in 1999).

She was swimming against the clock in this race, as second-place Britany Sasser of Belmont was more than three seconds behind in 58.94.

In the 50 free, Brown touched in 23.96 and outkicked long-time rival and defending state champ Sarah Braunschweiger of Chelmsford (24.29).

Holly Hinds' remarkable season ended in glory with first-place performances in the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.

Her 4:59.29 clocking in the 500 topped a huge field of 31 competitors and nearly eclipsed the previous state record set last year by Sally Brown of Andover, who is now at Auburn.

Hinds' victory in the breaststroke was the closest and most exciting of the meet, as she posted a 1:08.24 time to nip sophomore Meghan Healey of Needham (1:08.33).

Brown and Hinds also swam on the 200 medley and 400 free relays.

Brown was third and Hinds anchored the 200 medley squad, completed by freshman Candice Peak and junior Amy Caron.

Their 1:49.17 was a new state record, barely edging out the 1:49.41

by Andover in 1999. It was also almost four seconds faster than runner-up Acton-Boxboro (1:52.94).

In the 400 free relay, which featured 25 teams, Brown was anchor and Hinds third following lead legs from Lauren Harlow and senior Caitlin Hamer.

The state champs finished in 3:34.85 and were a whopping eight seconds and a half-lap faster than over-matched second-place Acton-Boxboro (3:42.57).

Glimpsing the future

Caitlin Doherty was almost Brownian in her first All-State Meet, earning a first and second individually and swimming the lead leg on the winning 200 free relay.

She was a clear-cut victor in the 100 butterfly, with her 58.52 more than a second better than freshman Jen Vogel of Notre Dame Academy-Hingham (59.72).

Connie Brown retains the state record in this event (55.52 in 1999).

Doherty's second place was in the 200 free where her 1:55.95 trailed only junior Sarah Kearns of Milford (1:54.83).

Doherty was joined on the 200 free relay by Peak (two relay titles), senior Caitlin Geary and junior Liz Mancuso.

They won the race in 1:40.40, slightly more than two seconds faster than runner-up Acton-Boxboro and two seconds off the state record set by Andover two years ago.

Lauren Harlow had to battle Vogel for her triumph in the 200 IM, the win-

ning 2:08.79 less than a second faster than NDA's Vogel who touched in 2:09.55.

Solid finishes

Caitlin Geary and Liz Mancuso also sparked in individual competition, Geary with a second and third and Mancuso a pair of thirds.

Geary trailed only Hinds in the 500 free (5:03.00) and placed third in the 200 free (1:56.93), while Mancuso was a close third in both the 50 free (24.70) and 100 free (54.83).

Sophomore Diana Harlow finished third (behind sister Lauren) in the 200 IM (2:13.60).

In addition to her relay contributions, Peak took third in the 100 back (59.39) and fourth in the 100 free (54.84).

Also placing fourth for the Lady Warriors was Lauren Harlow in the 100 fly (1:00.71).

Caitlin Hamer gave AHS three of the top five places in the 200 and 500 free, earning fifth in both with a 1:56.93 clocking in the 200 and 5:19.86 in the 500.

Amy Caron was sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.80) and seventh in the 200 IM (2:15.77).

Other scorers for the state champs were Diana Harlow in the 100 back (8th, 1:02.70) and Jamie Kapelson in the 500 free (10th, 5:27.66).

Junior Carolyn Cody did not score but had a pair of strong efforts in the 50 free (tie 14th, 26.14) and 100 free (16th, 56.89).

Also competing were junior Jackie Leahy in the 200 IM (22nd, 2:23.03), senior Capt. Monika Eghbalian in the 100 fly (22nd, 1:04.35), junior Liz Pallotta in the 100 fly (24th, 1:05.86) and freshman Jen McDonald in the 50 free (25th, 26.69).

Diving

Sophomore Ann Marie Cashman chalked up a point for Andover in the one-meter diving, placing 12th among 30 competitors with 351.40 points.

Junior Casey Frost finished 15th and sophomore Libby Fortier was 18th.

The Brown File

In addition to never losing a dual meet event in her four-year high school career, incredible Connie Brown closed out her high school file by winning 16-of-16 possible Sectional titles (8 individual, 8 relay) and 16-of-16 State Meet titles (8 individual, 8 relay) events.

She will graduate as the current North Sectional recordholder in the 50 free, 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly. She has also been a part of record-setting 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.

Her State Meet records are in the 100 free, 200 free, 100 fly, 100 back and medley relay.

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Last call - Here are the seniors on the state champion Lady Warrior team.

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AHS FOOTBALL

Warriors improvement program continues, 19-14

By Rick Harrison

NICK STAMAS pitched a six-yard TD pass to Brent Hyde late in the fourth quarter, capping an impressive winning drive that lifted the much-improved Andover High varsity football team to a come-from-behind 19-14 Merrimack Valley Conference win over Billerica under the lights at Lovely Field.

After struggling for the first six weeks of the season, the Golden Warriors have now won three of their last four to improve to 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the MVC.

Billerica's autumn has gone exactly opposite, the Indians starting off 4-1 before losing four of their last five to fall to 5-5 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

The by-now-familiar formula for success revolved around senior quarterback Stamas, who completed 12-of-20 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns.

In six games, the converted wide receiver has now completed 73-of-154 passes for 951 yards and 11 TDs.

This time he had some help from former quarterback Hyde, who not only caught the winning pass but also hooked up with freshman receiver Buddy Farnham on a spectacular 80 yard pass-and-run TD play early in the second quarter.

The dangerous Farnham, getting better each week, also combined with Stamas on an 85 yard pass play late in the first half to pull the Golden Warriors within a point at the intermission.

Farnham caught four passes for 176 yards.

Stamas and Farnham overshadowed an equally prolific night for Billerica's 1-2 aerial punch of QB Kevin Graham and favorite target Keith Yianacopolus.

Graham threw his 37th career touchdown pass, and 15th this season, while finishing the night 11-for-23 for 223 yards.

Yianacopolus made seven catches for 185 yards with the TD grab his ninth of the season.

The two teams combined for 497 yards passing and 608 yards total offense, with AHS chalking up 274 yards in the air and 358 overall.

The Andover defense had trouble containing Graham, but did limit the BMHS ground game to 27 net yards on 22 carries.

Graham was sacked five times for close to 40 yards in losses, senior tackle Russell Stevens nailing him on three occasions while Jason White and junior end Jason Shoemaker had a sack each.

Awesome defense

"This was a great win and it was also one of the best defensive efforts ever by an Andover team in the second half," said AHS head coach Ken Maglio.

"We completely shut down a highly-

regarded offense. Russell Stevens was awesome, along with Phil Perkins, Jordan Thibault and ends Jason Shoemaker and Jason White.

"Offensively, Nick Stamas had another superb game," said Maglio. "You would think he had played quarterback before with all the poise and confidence he shows.

"Buddy Farnham, Dennis Collins, Brent Hyde and White all made big plays on both sides of the ball to contribute to the win.

"Ryan Donohue (5'9", 151 pounds) has played very well at center the past two games while filling in for Ben Newman (injury)," added Maglio. "It's not easy when we do the hurry-up and are working from the shotgun formation."

Wild first half

Billerica opened the scoring in the first quarter, traveling 62 yards in four plays with the key a 59 yard hook-up between Graham and Yianacopolus that carried to the Andover one.

Steve Capozzi plunged over on the next play and Sean Souza's kick made it 7-0.

The Golden Warriors started the second period at their own 20, and lighting struck on the halfback option pass from Hyde to Farnham.

Hyde sprinted to the left, stopped and flicked a toss towards Farnham near mid-field.

Billerica safety Corey Williams deflected the ball right to the freshman receiver, who turned on the jets and raced the final 47 yards to the end zone to complete the 80 yard play.

Shawn Marlow kicked his first career PAT to tie the game, 7-7.

Graham responded with a 70-yard, eight-play drive for BMHS, with the TD on a 30 yard pass to Yianacopolus. Souza again split the uprights for a 14-7 lead.

Andover retained possession with less than two minutes left in the half, and following a sack and penalty the locals were second-and-21 at their own 15.

Stamas unloaded a pass down the right sideline, and this time Yianacopolus tipped the ball to Farnham who accepted the gift and rambled the distance with the Billerica secondary in hot pursuit.

The 85 yard play trimmed the deficit to 14-13 with 1:44 remaining.

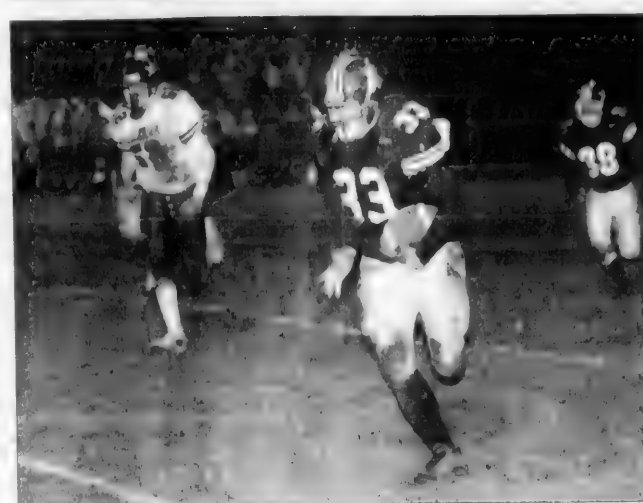
Billerica was penalized for roughing the kicker on the extra point try, giving Andover a second chance from the one.

The Golden Warriors elected to go for a two-point conversion and the lead, but Stamas was stacked up short of the goal line.

Stamas and Hyde threw for 181 yards in the first half and Graham for 192.

Winning touchdown

It remained 14-13 through most of the



Buddy Farnham (No. 46, top photo), who scored two touchdowns, and Jason White (no. 33) both made big plays on offense and defense to contribute to the Warrior win.

second half, until Stamas directed a 13-play, 70-yard drive that ate up a huge chunk of the fourth quarter and resulted in the winning points.

The payoff was the six yard TD strike to Hyde.

Andover thwarted Billerica on its final possession, as Jordan Thibault produced the only interception of the game at the Indians' 47.

The winners then clicked off 10 plays to run out the clock, the big one a fourth-down 15-yard pass completion from Stamas to junior receiver Dennis Collins for a big first down.

Collins caught three passes for 50 yards on the night, while Jason White also had three receptions for 28 yards and Hyde three for 20 yards.

Stamas led all rushers with 51 yards on

15 carries.

Matt Hennessy, sidelined for two games earlier this season, suffered an ankle injury in the first half and sat out the final two quarters after rushing for 12 yards on four carries.

Junior linebacker Devin Trainor and Thibault finished with seven tackles each. Stevens had six and Hennessy five. Nathan Wiech, Stamas and junior tackle Phil Perkins made four stops apiece.

Billerica had won the last three games between these teams since a 30-25 Andover triumph in 1998.

This was only the second Andover victory over the Indians in the last decade, but since 1980 AHS now leads the series, 12-11.

Thirteen of those 23 games have been

FOOTBALL

ANDOVER 19, BILLERICA 14

at Lovely Field, Andover

Billerica	7	7	0	0	—	14
Andover	0	13	0	6	—	19

First Quarter

B: Steve Capozzi 1 run (Sean Souza kick)

Second Quarter

A: Buddy Farnham 80 yard pass from Brent Hyde (Shawn Marlow kick)

B: Keith Yianacopolus 31 pass from Kevin Graham (Souza kick)

A: Farnham 85 pass from Nick Stamas (rush failed)

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

A: Hyde 6 pass from Stamas (rush failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs: Andover 11; Billerica 10

Rushes/Yards: Andover 30-84; Billerica 22-27

Passing: Andover 13-21-0, 274 yards; Billerica 11-24-1, 223 yards

Total Yards: Andover 358; Billerica 250

Fumbles/Lost: Andover 0-0; Billerica 1-0

Punts/Ave: Andover 2-26.5; Billerica 3-27.3

Penalties/Yards: Andover 10-80; Billerica 9-82

Scrimmage Plays: Andover 56; Billerica 50

Records: Andover 3-7; Billerica 5-5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: A. Nick Stamas 15-51; Matt Hennessy 4-12; Jason White 4-13; Brent Hyde 5-7; Logan Maggio 2-1; B. Dan Pope 4-19; Keith Yianacopolus 2-12; Steve Capozzi 3-4; TD: Joe Venezia 1-1; Kevin Graham 11-(-9)

Passing: A. Nick Stamas 12-20-0, 194 yards, 2 TDs; Brent Hyde 1-1-0, 80 yards TD; Kevin Graham 11-23-1, 223 yards, TD; Dan McWilliams 0-0-0

Receiving: A. Buddy Farnham 4-176, 2 TDs; Dennis Collins 3-50; Jason White 3-28; Brent Hyde 3-20; TD B. Keith Yianacopolus 7-185

Fumble Recoveries: None

Interceptions: A. Jordan Thibault 1

Sacks by: A. Russell Stevens 3; Jason White 1; Jason Shoemaker 1; B. Chris Severo 1; Joe Knight 1

Tackles: A. Devin Trainor 7; Jordan Thibault 7; Russell Stevens 6; Matt Hennessy 5; Nathan Wiech 4; Nick Stamas 4; Phil Perkins 4; Jason White 3; Greg Hartwell 2; Buddy Farnham 2; Dennis Collins 1; Joe Robichaud 1; Mike Pettilo 1; Matt Wolfman 1; Chris Zonghetti 1; Mike Muccio 1; John Fox 1; Jason Shoemaker 1

decided by eight points or less.

Thanksgiving Day

Andover wraps up the season with a home game at Lovely Field Thanksgiving morning versus traditional Turkey Day rival Central Catholic. Game time is 10 a.m.

After a deceptive 0-4 start, Central has won five of its last six games to square the overall record at 5-5. The Raiders are 4-3 in MVC play.

Central has the most prolific running back in the conference, and one of the best in the state, in 200-pound fullback Matt Maroon.

Maroon has scored 122 points and run for 1,566 yards in 10 games.

Quarterback Andy Verdura has six TDs and 38 points. Matt O'Connell 24 points and placekicker Scott Landers has drilled 18 PATs.

The Raiders whitewashed Dracut 14-0 last weekend, and the other wins have come against non-league New Bedford (34-13), Methuen (27-6), Tewksbury (43-16) and Haverhill (15-6).

All the losses have been close, including 23-22 to Woburn, 29-27 to MVC champ

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Alicia Martin, Recruitment Coordinator
From left: (Standing) Martha Cashins, Owner
Jodi Gibeley, Community Service Representative

Home Instead Senior Care is a national company with over 350 franchises dedicated to providing affordable non-medical companions and home care services to seniors, enabling them to remain independent in the comfort of their own homes. Andover is fortunate to have a local office, which is now entering its fourth year. Owner Martha Cashins and her highly qualified staff have already made a huge difference in the lives of many Essex County residents, assisting in a broad array of day-to-day activities for as little as three hours a day to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Martha describes Home Instead as a wonderful program that provides excellent support for its franchise owners, with comprehensive initial training programs and ongoing training and supportive networking among the franchisees. Martha in turn makes every effort to be supportive of her caregivers, describing them as the company's greatest asset. Each caregiver is insured and bonded after a rigorous selection process that includes interviews, a comprehensive criminal background check, and review of six references. Caregivers are trained in professional, ongoing

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Caregivers can provide companionship, meal preparation, light housework, laundry, errands, and incidental transportation. Home Instead works in conjunction with medical and rehabilitative service providers and with hospice programs. Their services are also available to residents of assisted living homes and nursing homes, as well as patients in hospitals. Families can also use Home Instead for respite care. Martha says the company prides itself on its reliability. The policy of Home Instead Senior Care is to always ensure client coverage.

Martha generously donates her time to community service. She is especially proud of her work with the Alzheimer's Partnership in the Merrimack Valley, which, among other things, provides training and support to families and public service organizations. Home Instead Senior Care is located in Andover at 89 N. Main St. and in Danvers at 74 Elm St. For information call 978-475-0560.

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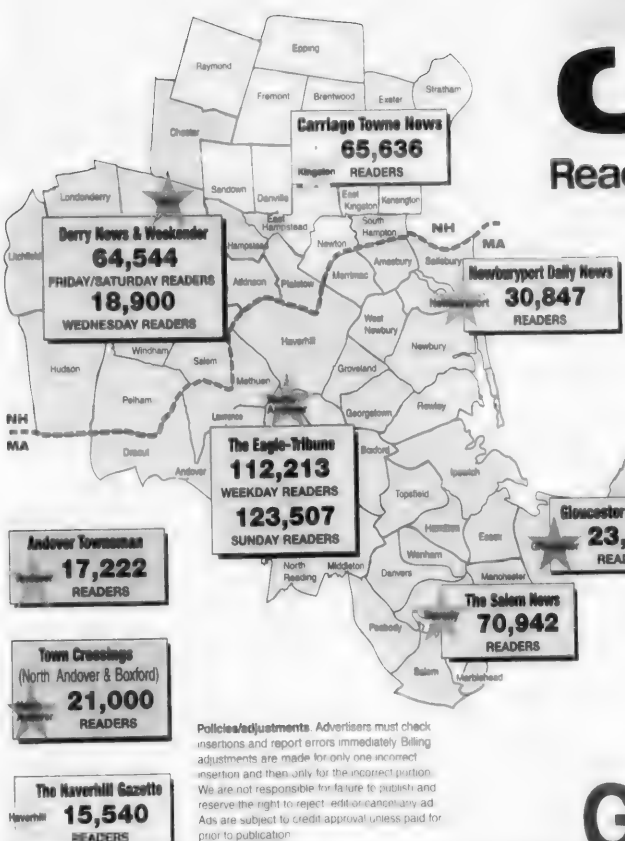
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Premises affected are located at 28 Boston Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC and are shown on Assessor Map 83 as Lot 12.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Essex Division Docket No. 020023CA1

In the Matter of KEVIN ROBERT HOLZAPFEL of NORTH ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
To all persons interested in a petition described:
A petition has been presented praying that KEVIN ROBERT HOLZAPFEL of N ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be allowed to change his name as follows:

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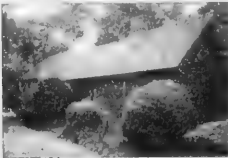
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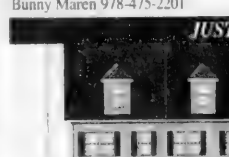
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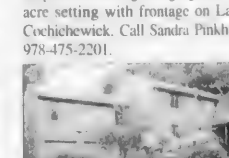
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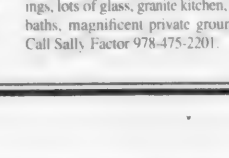
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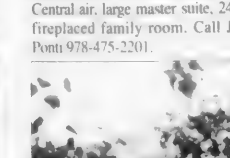
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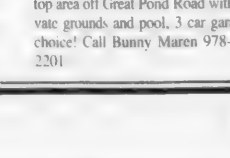
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Buying gifts for teachers

By Thea Shapiro

Andover teachers appreciate the gifts they receive from students and their parents every year. But choosing just the right teacher gifts isn't always an easy task for busy parents. What does a teacher most want or need? Here are some ideas from the teachers themselves — that might prove helpful to parents and others who enjoy giving gifts to teachers.

One Wood Hill teacher says she appreciates receiving gift certificates to bookstores. She will use them to buy books, dictionaries, or videos for her classroom. She is not alone. Many teachers appreciate practical presents such as gift certificates to teacher supply stores, malls, or even CVS. Most teachers use these gift certificates to buy needed extras for their classrooms.

From a West Elementary School teacher comes another idea: Give money to a children's charity in a teacher's — or team of teachers — name.

Even a small gift — stickers that can be used in the classroom, for example, are very welcome.

And for more personal gifts, candles, flowers and plants are always appropriate. And all the teachers I spoke with enjoy the home-made goodies they get.

Then there are gifts for the teachers with themed collections. Josie Walker, the music teacher at West Elementary, is well-known for her frog collection, which she has accumulated over the past 13 years. Walker says she enjoys the excitement and creativity that people bring when they expand her collection with something, well, froggyish.

One of the more unusual gifts that teachers have enjoyed is a take-out lunch for a team of

teachers, delivered to school from a local restaurant.

However, be careful about buying gift certificates for a dinner in an Andover restaurant; not all teachers live locally and they may not get a chance to use your gift. If you're not sure

whether they live near town, consider a gift certificate from a nice chain restaurant.

One gift giving no-no: religious-oriented gifts.

Above all, keep one West Elementary School teacher's comment in mind: "It's nice to know we're appreciated. Even a card is a nice gesture. It's truly the thought that counts."



Frugal holiday fun for the entire family

(WMS) — Advertisers are gearing up for a whopper of a season. This year, we'll buy more gifts, have more fun, and show more love than ever. At least, that's what the commercials say. And then consumers are paying off holiday bills for the next three to four months, right?

It doesn't have to be that way. There are a dozen and one ways to celebrate the holidays frugally — that is, without spending an arm, a leg and three ribs to buy gifts for family and friends.

One of the easiest areas in which to save money during the

holidays is entertainment. Parties are fun, but expensive. But the truth is, there are so many free or very frugal holiday celebrations that doesn't cost much money at all. Here are some ideas:

• **Pot lucks** — Have a dinner party where everyone brings a dish.

• **Make some gifts** — Not all gifts need to be bought, bake cookies or breads as a gift.

• **Town Parade** — Fun to watch or to be in. Take a hot chocolate and snacks and have a ball.

• **Brickstone Tree Lighting**

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• **Grab the kids and the neighbors** and take an evening walk or drive and tour local decorations.

• **Watch the Townsman** or church bulletins for plays, parties and special services during the holidays.

• **Volunteer opportunities** are all over the place, but if none of them seem interesting, make some up. Go caroling at a retirement home; send greetings anonymously to someone in prison or the armed forces; help an elderly or disabled neighbor

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Share treasured holiday photos

(WMS) - In no time at all, the holidays will be here and parties, get-togethers with friends and celebrations with family will creep their way into a lot of people's calendars. Along with the excitement and fun holiday festivities bring there are plenty of opportunities to capture cherished memories on film. With a trusty camera in hand, get ready to memorialize all those special moments. But how does the photographer make sure the pictures turn out as memorable as the celebration? Here are some pointers from the experts at Pacific Image Electronics.

• Rely on candid - Candid

shots allow a photographer to capture the true essence of a person and the moment. Staged or posed shots can leave a photo album full of static poses. Plus, when people don't know they are being photographed, they are far less self-conscious.

• Watch the lighting - Make sure the light source is coming from behind the camera (not the subjects) when snapping photos. This will avoid the washed out "halo" effect or the silhouette that often occurs when a subject poses in front of a sunny window.

• Steer clear of mirrors - The photographer can end up with a

reflection of the photographer, or a large flash spot.

• Share the memories - Reliving this holiday season's highlights and sharing them with family and friends is easy with a film scanner. Create digital copies of 35mm film and slides, e-mail photos to friends and relatives and create digital photo albums in a snap.

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Also retouch damaged photos and digitize film to post on the Internet while maintaining the highest photo quality possible.

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Holiday hot toys list

(ARA) While Santa is checking his list of who's naughty and nice, parents now have their own list to check one that features the holiday seasons hottest toys

With more than 80 years experience delighting children and families, KB Toys, the nations largest combined mall-based and online specialty toy retailer, revealed its annual hot holiday toy list

"This years must-have toys are an exciting mix of treasured classics, trusted heroes and engaging activities," says Tom Alfonsi, senior vice president of merchandising for KB Toys. "Whether you're looking for toys to inspire imaginative and creative play or exciting action adventure, there is something sure to please and delight every child this holiday season."

KB Toys 2002 Holiday Hot Toys List (alphabetical)

Barbie as Rapunzel - Children will play happily ever after with Rapunzel Barbie, the brave and beautiful princess from "Barbie as Rapunzel." Ages 3 and up.

Bratz - Bratz are the dolls with a passion for fashion that capture the attitude and freedom of todays children. Each doll comes with cutting-edge clothes and accessories that can be used over and over again. Ages 4 and up.

Care Bears - Care Bears are soft and cuddly caring companions, each with a special mission and symbol on their tummy to match. In all they do, Care Bears show the importance of caring and sharing feelings. Ages 3 and up.

Disney Princess - Now children can experience the magical world of Disney with the Disney



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Dora the Explorer - Preschoolers can engage in a play-along adventure with Dora the Explorer. They will find a wide selection of dolls, plush, play sets and more. Ages 2 and up.

Fur Real Friends - Fur Real Friends are lifelike and affectionate cats that respond to touch! They are fully animated from the top of their head to the tip of their tail. Ages 6 and up.

Modifiers - Modifiers come in a variety of different makes including Honda, Mitsubishi and Acura. Children can now build custom stock cars with interchangeable parts such as: wheels, tires, tinted windows and tools. Ages 9 and up.

Spider-Man - Spider-Man, the high-flying, crime-fighting superhero swings into action with a wide variety of action figures, vehicles, web blasters and more, all designed for young fans of Peter Parkers web-sling-

ing alter ego. Ages 4 and up.

Rescue Heroes - The Rescue Heroes action figures, play sets and vehicles, all with moving parts for action adventure play, are based on real-life role models and help teach children that showing concern for others is cool. Ages 3 and up.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Cards - The Yu-Gi-Oh! trading card game takes skill, practice, strategy and luck to win the match and features endless expansion possibilities for wildly imaginative, fun and challenging game play. Ages 8 and up.

Choose toys that help children learn through play

(WMS) - By now, the kids have their own holiday shopping list, probably put together with help from endless commercials featuring products that walk, talk, light-up and more. While the ads may capture kids' imaginations, chances are the actual toys won't interest them for long.

Why? Simple toys that let children decide for themselves how to play with them allow for much more creative play. And for young children, playing is learning.

Early childhood education experts agree that the years from birth to age eight are a critical learning time for children, and children need plenty of opportunities for creative play and creative thinking during this important stage. Parents should pay attention to play, plan for it and encourage it with age-appropriate toys.

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The National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) found in a recent survey that 69 percent of consumers recycled their real Christmas tree in a community specific program last holiday season. With more communities turning to recycling programs every year, that number is slowly on the rise. The uses for a recycled real Christmas trees vary greatly – from chipping for mulch on hiking trails to preventing beachfront erosion, – the uses are too numerous to list them all.

"The common misconception of the real Christmas tree is that forests are destroyed by harvesting real Christmas trees," says Peter Mahoney, of Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester. "In actuality, trees are cut from tree farms that plant millions of trees each year just for this purpose. These are trees that would not be planted otherwise. Every year there are approximately 30 million real Christmas trees sold in North America.

Here are some tips for selecting and maintaining a real Christmas tree from Mahoney's Garden Center:

- If buying a tree ahead of time, be sure to store it in the shade until it's time to put it up.
- When choosing a tree, gently tug at the needles to make sure they don't come off easily.
- If there is an unseasonably warm spell while the trees are displayed in the sales area, be sure the trees have been generously watered to prevent over-

drying and loss of needles.

- Have the tree professionally shaken. This will loosen and drop any dead needles outside rather than at home. (Some retailers own power shakers for this purpose.)

- Make a fresh cut at least 1/4 inch off the base of the tree to remove the sap plug. Within 24 hours of the cut, place the tree in a stand that holds at least one gallon of water. Never allow the water level to drop below the trunk bottom, or a new sap plug will form.

- Keep the displayed tree away from all sources of heat. This will dry it out quicker.

- Add a tree preservative to the water to help keep the needles fresher longer.

For more information on Christmas Tree recycling call, 800-CLEANUP or visit www.realchristmastrees.org.



This season, give 'green'

(WMS) — The holidays are here. Time to hit the mall and browse the Internet in search of that perfect gift. No doubt this season's "wish list" will include the latest and greatest gadgets and gizmos; including laptops, cell phones, cordless power tools, portable DVD players and remote-controlled toys.

Battery tips for the holidays

Before replacing old portable electronics products with this season's best, make sure to follow these simple tips from the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation to maximize the use of rechargeable batteries:

- Follow the charging guidelines provided by the manufacturer. There are specific initial battery charging times for each individual product before using it for the first time.

- Never return a fully charged battery to the charger for an extra boost. This will shorten the life of the battery.

- Let a discharged battery cool to room temperature before recharging.

- Recharge batteries only when they are near to fully discharged.

- And remember to give 'green' this holiday season and recycle.

But many people may not know that the rechargeable batteries that power these and other cordless electronics products can and should be recycled when they can no longer hold their charge.

The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp. (RBRC), a nonprofit organization dedicated

to rechargeable battery recycling, can help. Just remember: if the rechargeable battery will no longer hold a charge, don't throw it away – recycle it. Call (800) 8-BATTERY or go to www.rbrc.org to find a drop-off location.

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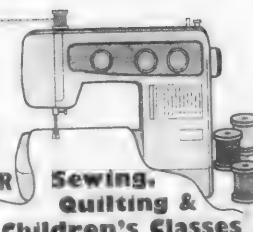
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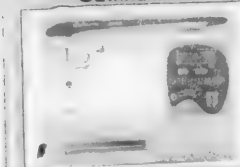


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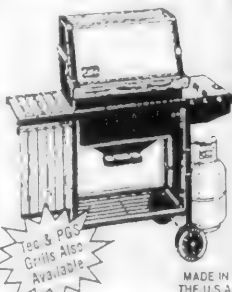
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Technology can help people be with family over the holidays

(ARA) – Like the song says, "There's no place like home for the holidays." But when time, geography or financial constraints keep people from being with family, a little old-fashioned imagination combined with some of today's technological conveniences can keep those feelings connected.

According to a study conducted by Harris Interactive and sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, well over half of Americans utilize the Internet for communicating via e-mails and passing along photos. And, while only one in six have created a family Web site, nearly 40 percent of us are interested in the possibility. Family Web sites, instant messaging and digital cameras, including digital camcorders and Web cams, are quickly taking their place along with the telephone and postal service as popular methods for communicating from afar.

Web sites

Web sites are an exciting way to share news. For the Kiechle family of Valbonne, France, the family Web site plays an important role in maintaining connections with family and friends in the United States.

"When we first moved here (France), all our relatives, friends, and acquaintances went into mild shock, wondering what in the world we were doing," said Daniel Kiechle, who created his family Web site in 1995, five years after his job transplanted him, his wife and two sons from Huntington, Long Island. "The responses have been great. Grandma even learned how to use a Mac and subscribed to Earthlink when she found out that this enabled her to receive photos of her grandchildren the day they were taken."

According to Joshua Weinberg, spokesperson for Homestead Inc., a Menlo Park, Calif., company, the tendency for today's families to live long distances from one another and the "busy-ness" of our lives has people turning to new solutions for staying in touch and significantly boosted the use of personal Web sites.

For example, children, in particular, find the Internet exciting. Now they don't just bring their artwork home and hang it



The telephone is still a good way of keeping in touch.

on the fridge, mom or dad scans it in and they can see it on their Web page for the rest of their family to enjoy.

While software for creating Web sites from scratch is available, for most people a more convenient and affordable route can be found. Hosting sites, such as <www.MyFamily.com>, are free and enable people to have a site up and running in a matter of hours. The best bet may be companies, such as Homestead Inc. <www.homestead.com>, which provide a happy medium between the do-it-all-yourself software and the cookie-cutter templates of the free sites. These companies provide easy-to-use, flexible web design software, as well as the host space.

Real-time exchange

While Web sites, e-mail and other holiday communications help foster long-distance relationships, many people are also looking for methods of live communication. Actually hearing a voice or seeing a face in real time can make all the difference during the holidays. While the pre-planned, after dinner, pass-the-phone call is still popular, there are some higher-tech options.

Instant messaging allows users to send messages to any person on a designated buddy or contact list as long as that person is online. Sending a message opens up a small window where friends or family members can type messages that both of parties can read.

People who use this feature frequently create custom chat rooms which family and friends

can access. For the Gould family of Fort Collins, Colo., instant messaging, including voice and video chatting, have enabled them to keep their children connected with family throughout the year.

"Our two older children, ages 4 1/2 and 3, voice chat with their grandfather in west central Illinois on a daily basis," says dad Michael Gould. "They put puzzles together although I don't think our daughter realizes he can't see the puzzle, they tell stories, and sing songs. Anne loves to type in her name to Grandpa. They also voice chat through Yahoo! and have fun in the different IMVironments they offer. They throw snowballs, blow kisses and make funny faces with the icons. We reserve video/voice chat for special occasions or milestones, like the baby rolling over or holidays."

Getting started

For taking advantage of today's technology to stay in closer touch with family, there is a large list of possible equipment to consider.

Computer – The computer should have at least a 56K modem, although for video and Web cams a DSL line or faster is preferred, a serial port, a parallel port, a USB port, and a Firewire/IEEE-1394 (a computer expert will understand this requirement).

Digital camera – A digital camera records and stores photographic images in digital (electronic) form that can be fed to a computer later on.

Digital camcorder – A digital camcorder records and stores video images in digital (electronic) format that can be fed to a computer later on.

Compatible flash memory cards – For the digital camera or camcorder a small "disk" used to store data such as text, pictures, audio, and video, for use on small, portable or remote computing devices.

Floppy disk adapter – An adapter is a physical device that allows the disk to communicate with another hardware or electronic device.

Web cam – A device that takes digital (camcorder) images and transmits the images to a Web page, which hosts images or even live video.

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Keeping in touch with those far away

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Scanner – A scanner captures images (somewhat like a photocopier) from photographic prints, posters, magazine pages, and similar sources for use on a computer.

Printer – Most inkjet printers produce good enough quality for personal use.

Snapshot Software – The snapshot software (which sometimes comes with a digital camera or camcorder) usually uses the Internet connection to

upload a single snapshot captured from the camera set up the local computer.

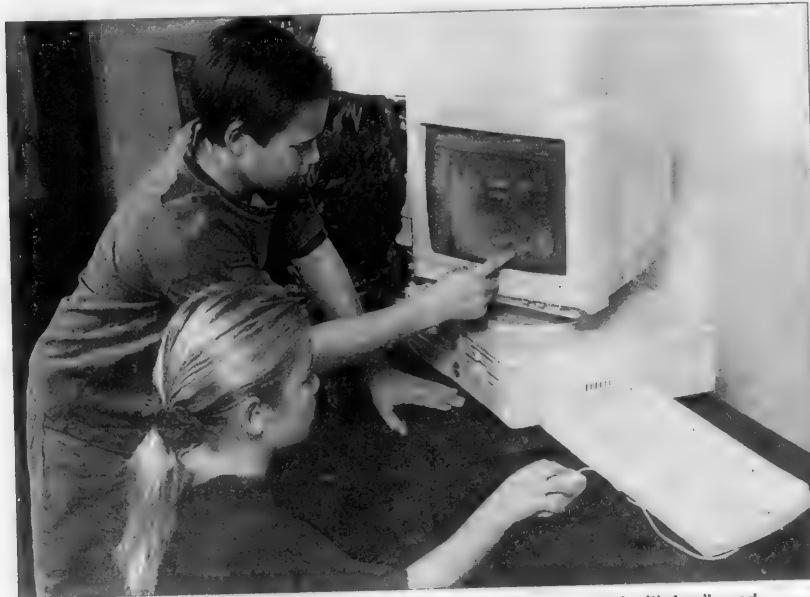
Keeping families connected

Whatever method, whether the technological wonders of a family Web site, instant messaging, voice/video Internet chatting, or the traditional communication choices of phone and mail, the end result should be, to be surrounded with the presence of family no matter how many miles away.

"We don't want people to think that the Internet can

replace in-person interaction," Weinberg said. "But we all know that sometimes being together isn't possible. We think the Internet is at its best when it enables people to remain connected and make those face-to-face meetings better, richer and more wonderful."

As people prepare for this holiday season and realize they can't be with their family for the festivities, take a look at how modern technology can bring them closer together.



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Why not make the holidays picture-perfect with a homemade, fresh-baked batch of decorative cookies. Perfect as a party dish or even as a gift, homemade cookies are sure to warm the hearts – and the appetites – of everyone, whatever the occasion.

The following festive recipe, courtesy of *Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Cookies* (Periplus Editions), is deliciously fun to make – it happens to be a great holiday activity for children, too!

Paintbox Cookies

Makes about 36
 Preparation time: 25 minutes
 plus 1 hour refrigeration

Buy a variety of different-sized paintbrushes and the cookies become a canvas.

1½ cups unsalted butter, at room temperature

1½ cups sugar

2 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

4 egg yolks

Red, blue, green and yellow food coloring

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Brush two baking sheets with melted butter.

2. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat well. Sift the flour, baking soda and salt into the mixture and combine. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about one hour, or until firm. If it becomes too hard, leave at room temperature for about 20 minutes.

3. Place each egg yolk in a separate bowl. Add a teaspoon of water and beat well with a fork. Add a few drops of a different food color to each one.

4. Divide the dough in half; keep half refrigerated and roll out the other half between two sheets of waxed paper to about ¼ to ½-inch thickness. Cut out shapes and use enough to fill the prepared baking sheets. Use

small paintbrushes to paint the cookies, adding a little extra water to the food colorings to create a more translucent effect. Allow the "paint" to dry before baking.

5. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly colored. Cool on a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining mixture, preparing the baking sheets as instructed in step 1.



Decorative, homemade Paintbox Cookies.



Indulge everyone with a Molasses and Almond Tart.

Molasses and Almond Tart, courtesy of *Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection Winter* (Periplus Editions).

¾ cup sliced almonds, to decorate

Molasses and Almond Tart

Serves 8
 For a lighter flavor, leave out the molasses and use another ¼ cup of dark corn syrup instead. Served warm with whipped cream or fresh vanilla custard, this sweet tart will enrich any winter's meal.

Pastry

1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
 Large pinch of sugar
 ½ cup unsalted butter, chilled and cut
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 Drop of vanilla extract

Filling

¼ cup unsalted butter, melted
 Juice and finely grated rind of one lemon
 ¼ cup light molasses
 1 cup ground almonds
 1½ cups fresh bread crumbs
 1 egg, beaten

Brush a 9-inch fluted tart pan with removable base with melted butter. To make the pastry, sift the flour, sugar and a large pinch of salt into a large bowl. Rub the cubes of cold butter into the flour with a fast flicking action of the thumbs across the fingertips until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs.

Make a well in the center and pour in the beaten egg, a teaspoon of water and a drop of vanilla. Slowly mix the pastry together by hand, or stir with a round-bladed knife into a rough ball. If the pastry is slightly sticky, add a little more flour. Turn out onto a cool, lightly floured surface, and knead very gently for no more than 20 seconds so that the pastry is just smooth. Cover with plastic and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes before using.

Roll the pastry on a floured

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Holiday sweet of Le Cordon Bleu

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surface to about 1/4 inch thick. Line the tart pan with the pastry, pushing the pastry into the flutes of the pan with the help of a small ball of excess pastry. Trim off the excess. Cut a circle of waxed paper 1 1/4 inches larger than the tart pan, crush it into a ball, open it and put it inside the pastry so the

liner comes up the sides.

Fill the pan to the rim with rice or pie weights, then press gently so they rest against the sides of the pan. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove ice or pie weights and toss the liner. If the pastry base looks wet, bake for three to four minutes. When cooked, remove from the oven and cool in the pan. Reduce the oven temper-

ature to 350 degrees F.

To make the filling, combine all the filling ingredients except the sliced almonds in a large bowl. Stir briskly until smooth. Spread into the pastry shell and sprinkle with the sliced almonds. Bake for 15 minutes, or until the mixture feels light to the touch. Remove from oven, leave in the tart pan and cool before serving.

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In 165 B.C.E., the lamp in the ancient Hebrew Temple, which burned pure olive oil continuously, was recaptured after being taken over by the Syrian-Greek army, but there only was enough oil to burn for one day. However, a miracle occurred – the oil lasted for eight days, which was enough time for the priests to bless fresh oil.

Although Hanukkah is a holiday that is associated with few religious rituals other than lighting a menorah (oil-burning lamp) for eight consecutive days, there is no reason not to

celebrate this happy time. Young children usually receive one small gift for each night of the holiday. People also honor this time by entertaining family and friends, eating traditional foods that have been deep-fried in oil, and playing games. One of the most popular games to play is dreidel.

The dreidel is the traditional game for Hanukkah. A dreidel is similar to a top, and has four sides, each with a different Hebrew letter marked on it. The letter determines if a player wins or loses.

To play, each player receives about 10 pieces – they can be coins, small candies, raisins or buttons. The player then puts one piece in the pot and takes a turn spinning the dreidel. If the dreidel shows the letter “nun”

the player wins nothing; for “gimel” the player wins the entire pot; for “he” the player wins half; and for “shin” the player adds two of his or her pieces to the pot. Together, the letters on the side of the dreidel stand for the words which mean, “A great miracle happened here.”



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